

Turkish attack on villages brings fierce fighting: British UN troops fired on

British troops under United Nations command in Cyprus came under fire from Turkish forces yesterday. No one was hurt. Despite the ceasefire agreement, the Turks continued to expand their Kyrenia bridgehead and there was heavy fighting with Greek Cypriot forces throughout the day. Athens radio said Greece was ready to denounce the Geneva agreement and take "other steps" if the Turks continued to violate the ceasefire.

Cyprus bridgehead reinforced

From Paul Martin
Elea, west of Kyrenia, Aug 2
Turkish troops fired on a British patrol of the United Nations peacekeeping force today as fighting raged in the foothills of the western tip of the Kyrenia range.
Turkish tanks and troops moved up to another village south of Elea—the fourth such advance since the ceasefire was to have come into effect last Tuesday.
Elea was in the no man's land between Turkish and Greek Cypriot positions yesterday. The Turks now dominate the road leading to it and have pushed the infantry further west of it. No one knows the line that separates the two forces.
The Greek Cypriot defenders who staged a tactical retreat during the past 48 hours in the face of Turkish shelling have now returned and hold a new defence line close to Elea.
There has been the sound of heavy machinegun fire and shelling through the day. At times it was dangerously close to the coastal road as the Turks and Greeks battle in the orchards.
Less than a mile from the closest Greek Cypriot position the Turks dropped more troops and material today. Reinforcements were ferried in landing craft to the six-mile bridgehead from where the Turks fanned out on the first day of the invasion.
The United Nations patrol—a Saladin and a Ferret of the 1675 Locators—came under fire as it moved to the west of the approaches of Elea just before midnight.
"Suddenly the Turks moved up on us," one of the British soldiers to the patrol said. "We had no idea what was in the village. The whole idea of the patrol was to find out who was before the village had been in Greek hands, but now the Turks were there. They fired on us twice and obviously meant business."



This giant puppet judge, clearly from one of the higher courts, was a figure of holiday fun for children at Coram Fields, London, yesterday

MPs see possibility of another free vote on EEC terms

By George Clark
Political Correspondent
The possibility of another free vote in the House of Commons on EEC membership was being discussed by politicians of all parties yesterday after Mr Wilson's suggestion in a BBC television interview on Thursday that there could be a decision to allow Cabinet members to argue their case for or against leaving the EEC during the referendum campaign.
Mr Wilson said that there would be no fudging of the issue. "It will be in or out," he said. The decision of the people would be final and binding. Whether the Cabinet would make a collective recommendation to the people, having seen the results of the renegotiation of entry terms, had still to be decided.
"We shall decide what we are going to do when we have seen the result of the negotiations and we have not got there yet," he said. "We may decide that this could be left to a free vote of the British people as a whole."
Sir Robin Day, the interviewer, suggested that it would be an extraordinary way to conduct a Government if members of the Cabinet were permitted to argue opposite points of view. Mr Wilson said: "It is not. This is a matter of such transcendent importance that the people must be free to decide... we have not decided whether we shall do it in one way or the other."
Sir Frederick Bennett, Conservative MP for Torbay, has argued consistently that Mr Wilson's undertaking that the decision of the people would be binding on a Labour Government is only a moral commitment, and that under the constitution he cannot commit Parliament, which would have to pass legislation both to allow a referendum to take place, and to take Britain out of the EEC.
Sir Wilson has reminded Mr Wilson that on the present composition of the Commons there is unlikely to be a majority even for the holding of a referendum. He argues that under the constitution Parliament is still supreme, and if a referendum gave an inconclusive result, it would be for 60 per cent of the electorate voted and the verdict was narrow, it would still be the prerogative of Parliament to decide on the legislation that might be presented by the government. On a free vote, that could easily go against withdrawal from the EEC.
Mr Hugh Dykes, MP for Harrow East, who was recently appointed a member of the Conservative delegation to the European Parliament, said last night: "Mr Wilson's suggestion is bound to cause a row in the Cabinet."
Mr Sydney Bidwell, Labour MP for Ealing, Southall, and vice-chairman of the left-wing Tribune group, said yesterday: "I do not like the suggestion that members of the Cabinet may be free to argue different points of view. But I would insist that in the referendum campaign there should be a full dissemination of facts about what life is likely to be like if we remain in, or if we come out of the Market. On the referendum have given their decision, however, I believe that a Labour government should apply a three-line whip in the Commons."
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Clay Cross rebels lose fight against surcharge

A last-minute legal move by the 11 rebel councillors of Clay Cross to challenge the validity of the 15.85 per cent surcharge levied on them for refusing to implement the Conservative Government's "fair rent" law was rejected in the High Court yesterday.
Master Waldman, sitting in private, gave Mr Herbert Harrison, the district auditor, judgment against the former Derbyshire councillors for the amount of the surcharge.
They were also ordered to pay costs and interest on the 15.85 per cent surcharge from October 5, 1973, at a rate to be assessed. Later a solicitor for the 11 said an appeal was unlikely.
The Master refused a plea by the former councillors for a trial of the dispute. A representative of the auditor's office said that once the rate of interest had been assessed the next step would be enforcement of the judgment debt.
Methods of enforcing means of payment in a judgment debt include attachment of earnings, whereby an employer deducts money from earnings, and the seizure of a debtor's assets, which could involve use of bailiffs.
Four of the former Labour councillors attended yesterday's 15-minute hearing. Their leader, Mr David Skinner, said afterwards: "We have known this was going to happen for the past two years. Any bailiffs will come at their own risk. An Englishman's home is his castle and I shall defend my home, as will all the others."
"If it comes to the attachment of earnings, the dilettantes in Clay Cross will grow because we are not prepared to pay a Tory fine."
Mr Skinner said it was wrong that they should be disqualified from being councillors for five years for having kept faith with their electors. He was accompanied by Mr Graham Smith, Mr Roy Booker, and Mrs Sileen Wholey.
It was the fourth time the rebel issue had been before the courts. The first was when the 11 questioned the district auditor's right to impose the surcharge.
That failed and they next contested proceedings against

Kidnapper escapes armed police hunt

By a Staff Reporter
The gunman who kidnapped a policeman and two other men on Thursday was still evading a widespread hunt last night. The 1000 Traveller he used was found at Leamington Spa, Warwickshire yesterday.
It was 300 yards from train and bus stations. Police at first put out a warning about a Ford Corsair stolen near the site but later said it had not been used by the gunman.
Some of the police searching for the man are armed and the public has been warned that he is probably still armed and dangerous—and should not be approached.
South Wales police said last night that they were searching the Cardiff area for the gunman after a report that he had been seen in a dockland nightclub.
The police have said they want to interview Mr Barry Robinson, aged 34, who was sent to Broadmoor for life in 1962 for attacking a man of 82 in a robbery. It is believed he was released on licence in 1968.
Warwickshire police said the abandoned Morris car was found during a routine check. It appeared that the gunman had driven the 18 miles from Southern, near Rugby, where he had left the Police-Constable Charles Wright of Congleton, Cheshire, and two other hostages, Mr Peter Nix, of Milford, Staffordshire, and Mr Brian Sharp, of Burbage, Leicestershire, tied up in a barn. He left them at about 4.45 pm on Thursday and drove straight to Leamington.
The hostages said yesterday that their captor was wearing lovat green trousers, a brown check sports coat with imitation leather buttons, a white shirt and a mauve tie.
Mr Sharp said of his experience: "I was absolutely terrified and I took no chances with the man. He had been driving to his work at a petrol depot in Warwickshire when he was flagged down by PC Wright. "The officer said there was a gunman in the car holding the driver at gunpoint. He had two guns, a .38 and an automatic, and he ordered us into the car. I sat on the back seat with the officer and the gunman sat alongside the other man, who was ordered to drive. The man said he did not want to hurt anyone. But the policeman told us not to make a sound or otherwise he would have killed us."
One theory being considered by police is that the man they are seeking may be heading for the area around Broadmoor hospital, near Crowhorne, where Mr Peter Thompson, a former Broadmoor patient and now a London public relations executive, has spoken to Cheshire police headquarters with an offer in speak in the hunted man once he has been found.
"I would not be surprised if he was heading for Broadmoor. It may be that he wants to be in familiar surroundings," Mr Thompson said.

Dutch pilot killed in West German crash

Bonn, Aug 2.—The pilot of a Dutch Northrop fighter-bomber was killed today when his aircraft crashed some 12 miles north-east of Koblenz, a spokesman for the Netherlands embassy said here.—Reuter.

Children use grenades as diving board

Florenville, Belgium, Aug 2.—Children used cases containing 15,000 First World War hand grenades as a diving board to swim in the Semois river in Florenville, the police said today.

Concert pianist dies

Cyril Smith, the concert pianist, died yesterday at his home at East Sheen, London. He was 65. Obituary, page 14

Mr Dean must spend at least a year in jail

From Fred Emery
Washington, Aug 2
Mr John Dean, whose accusations have brought President Nixon to the point of impeachment, was today sentenced to between one and four years' jail for obstruction of justice in the Watergate cover-up.
The former presidential counsel looked shaken as Judge John Sirica briskly turned aside all pleas for further delay, or leniency through suspension of sentence. He must serve a minimum of one year. It was the longest term imposed on any of the 10 who have "bargained" their testimony against a plea of guilty to a limited charge. Even prosecutors were surprised.
Mr Dean, however, could have been given a maximum of five years. The judge noted that he had already gained "consideration" in being allowed last October to plead guilty to a single charge when 50 might have been preferred.
He noted, too, that this arrangement had been premised on Mr Dean's testimony against others. The prosecutors attested that Mr Dean had been "fully and unhesitatingly" cooperative.
The judge did allow Mr Dean four more weeks' freedom—until September 3, in consideration of the care he and his wife were giving to her ailing mother. September 3 is also the scheduled beginning of the main Watergate trial.
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Spanish police shoot man in street demonstration

Seville, Aug 2.—Police shot a man dead and injured several others in a clash with a crowd demonstrating in protest against a water shortage at the small town of Carmona, a Government spokesman said today.
He added that the shootings last night were "accidental" and that the police merely intended to fire warning shots into the air.
But the news agency Europa Press, said police reinforcements from Seville ordered the crowd to disperse, fired three warning shots and then shot at people in the crowd "to repel an attack".
The Government said one demonstrator, Señor Miguel Roldán, aged 37, died after being shot in the chest. A boy of 16 was shot in the abdomen and was critically ill.
It is the first time for more than a year that Spanish police have shot dead a street demonstrator. Last year one person died and several were injured when a clash with rock-throwing strikers in Barcelona suburb.
The spokesman said the demonstrators, mostly women, staged a "sit-in", blocking the main Madrid-Andalusia highway and causing heavy tourist traffic to pile up for seven miles.
They were protesting against the failure of the authorities to do something about a water shortage. According to the spokesman, some demonstrators threw stones at the police who then fired the warning shots.—UPL

Supplies of sugar expected to rise from the end of next week

By Hugh Clayton
Supplies of sugar available to most shops will rise by more than a tenth from the end of next week. Tata & Lyle, the largest suppliers of sugar to British retailers, said last night that next Friday they would raise allocations from 65 per cent of last November's level to 73 per cent.
The news came as the Ministry of Agriculture began to release reserves to the retail market and announced an attempt to encourage higher sugar output in Britain.
Tata & Lyle said that hoarding had exacerbated a cut in supplies to Britain of Commonwealth sugar. That explained why the company had cut deliveries by up to 65 per cent while the total available to the country this year had been reduced by less than a tenth.
"We really do think the situation should ease in two to four weeks," the company said. "There is probably more sugar in the nation's pantries now than there is in the shops."
Scuffies broke out at a Co-operative shop yesterday as customers struggled to buy sugar. "We never thought that panic buying would reach such a stage," the store said. "Some women were almost hysterical."
It became clear yesterday that talks with shopkeepers about bread prices had foundered on the definition of "special offers". The Government wants shopkeepers to agree to sell bread at the price they were charging less than a month after the last general election, even if this is less than the general retail price.
Many supermarkets were charging 124p for a large loaf in March whereas the authorized maximum in most areas is to be 144p. But shops will not be made to freeze prices if they can show that their low price in March was a special offer.
The Department of Prices and Consumer Protection said last night that at the present stage of negotiations with retailers a special offer was defined as a cut price that had been charged for less than six months before March 20.
If that was enshrined in the Government's planned order on bread prices it would release almost all shops from the obligation to keep bread prices below the allowed maximum. Record sugar price: The London daily sugar price yesterday reached a record level, rising £8 to £285 a long ton (our Commodities Editor writes). In the futures market the October position jumped almost £12 to £269.525 after trading at £272.50.
United States refiners are desperately seeking to fulfill requirements and Middle East countries are active buyers, so dealers expect the rise in prices to continue. One trader said that £300 a ton is highly likely in the near future.

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HOME NEWS

Mr Fitt blames UDA power struggle for bitter statement

From Robert Fisk Belfast In spite of the acrimonious statement issued by the paramilitary Protestant Ulster Defence Association after its secret meeting with the Social Democratic and Labour Party in Belfast on Thursday, some of its officers still hope that the two groups can meet again. Mr Gerard Fitt, the SDLP leader, said yesterday that he believed the UDA's condemnation of his party on Thursday night was a direct result of a power struggle within the organization, and several UDA leaders let it be known yesterday that they would not oppose a second meeting.

official Unionist leader, to try to emphasize the close links between the two groups. He said that the 11 Unionist MPs were Westminster, had held regular meetings with up to 70 Tories but he reiterated that the Unionists' primary concern was with Northern Ireland rather than Great Britain. Twelve 16-year-old girls were among 12 people accused yesterday in connection with the killing of a woman whose body was found in a ditch beside a motorway near Belfast on Monday (The Press Association). All 12 were remanded in custody until next Friday. One of the girls, with a man and three other women, faced Belfast magistrates on a charge of murdering the woman, Miss Elizabeth Douglas, aged 31, of Sion Mills, Co Tyrone, on July 24. The other joined six other women on charges of kidnapping Miss Douglas the day before she was killed. One of the women charged with kidnapping is the daughter of one of those accused of murder. The police prosecutor said all 12 had made written statements, but when charged had all denied their guilt. Charged with murder were Albert Alexander Graham, aged 26; Elizabeth Douglas, aged 31; Joseph Agnes Brown, aged 17; Henrietta Cowan, aged 18; and a girl aged 16. The seven women who appeared on kidnapping charges were Elizabeth Young, aged 32; Marie Carol Lendrum, aged 22; Maud Tait, aged 20; Anne Marie Gracey, aged 28; Kathleen White, aged 49; and a girl aged 16. The addresses of the 12 were withheld after applications by the Garda Síochána, the Dublin house raid: Twelve men were being held in Dublin yesterday after a midnight raid by Special Branch detectives and uniformed police on a house in Edinmore, a northern suburb of the city. The men were said to have been holding a "meeting". They were detained under the section of the Offences Against the State Act which makes IRA membership illegal. No arms or ammunition were understood to have been found in the house and no prominent members of illegal organizations are believed to be among the 12.



Courtesy officers of Devon police panning a cup of tea for holidaymaker Gail Godfrey at their advice centre in a layby near Willand on the A38 holiday route. They invite motorists to stop for refreshment to emphasize the dangers of driving while tired.

Report on film approved by GLC is sent to DPP after obscenity complaint

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent Sir Robert Mark, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, is sending papers to the Director of Public Prosecutions about a film, More about Language of Love, which received a GLC certificate. Mr Raymond Blackburn, supported by Lord Longford, complained to the commissioner, seeking his advice as to what action, if any, should be taken. Mrs Wistrich said yesterday: "I suppose they object to explicit shots. If you think there is something wrong with that you must think there is something wrong with sex." Blackburn complained of explicit pornography. He said the film ended with a sequence similar to that publicized as the theme of Deep Throat. It was oral sex with nothing left to the

first complaint which had been received concerning this film, but in view of what you said in your letter, the commissioner has the film seen by officers of the appropriate department, and is sending their report and statements to the Director of Public Prosecutions, as he is obliged to do under the Prosecution of Offences Regulations, seeking his advice as to what action, if any, should be taken. Mrs Wistrich said yesterday: "I suppose they object to explicit shots. If you think there is something wrong with that you must think there is something wrong with sex." Blackburn complained of explicit pornography. He said the film ended with a sequence similar to that publicized as the theme of Deep Throat. It was oral sex with nothing left to the

imagination. There were also sequences in which group sex was being practised in the presence of children. Mrs Wistrich agreed that a scene at the end included oral sex, but said it was not dwelt upon. Much of the film showed an earnest, middle-aged Swedish doctor talking about people's sex problems, for instance, how a man could overcome impotence and a woman frigidity. To the best of her recollection the film did not include group sex in front of children. But there was a scene in which a lot of people were asleep in a room while living in a commune, and in the morning children came and joined them. Neither Grand National, the film's distributors, nor the cinema manager would comment.

Delays to law reform causing concern

By Our Legal Correspondent Government delay in putting forward legislation affecting Ulster lawyers, which was on the point of being passed by the Northern Ireland Assembly before it collapsed, is causing growing concern in legal circles there. The laws contain safeguards and benefits for the public. One would provide for compensating clients whose solicitors misappropriated their funds, and open the door to the setting up of neighbourhood law centres deprived of their other would improve the availability of legal aid and advice. Since the collapse of the Northern Ireland power-sharing Executive and Assembly, laws for the province can be made by Order in Council at Westminster. But few such orders have been laid and laws affecting all fields, which were expected to come into force months, and even years, ago are now in limbo. The provisions setting up a compensation fund for the solicitors' profession and clarifying and bringing up to date all previous laws affecting the area contained in a Bill which originally came before the Stormont

Parliament. But Stormont was abolished before the Bill could become law. The Bill eventually reappeared as a "measure" before the Assembly and had received its third reading when the Assembly was prorogued. The same measure also contained an amendment which changed the rules governing solicitors to enable them, in certain circumstances, to practise in a neighbourhood law centre. It is hoped that an Order in Council covering these provisions may be made in the early autumn, election permitting. But another piece of legislation is likely to have to wait even longer. This would have the effect of giving Ulster people the same rights to legal aid and advice as those in England and Wales. Northern Ireland has always lagged behind in providing legal aid. The Legal Aid and Assistance Act 1972, which gives people of low income the right to free, or very cheap, legal advice from a solicitor, with the minimum of formalities, does not apply to Ulster. The attempt to achieve parity is apparently being ignored by the Government.

Ship to be sold after 40 years as a school

The training ship Arethusa, moored on the Medway at Lower Upnor, Rochester, is to be sold. For the past 40 years she has been used as a training and boarding school for boys by Shaftesbury House; the school was closed recently. The Arethusa, originally the ss Peking, in 1932 replaced the original Arethusa, which had been a boys' school founded by Lord Shaftesbury in 1866. She was built in Hamburg in 1911 as part of a merchant fleet specializing in the nitrate trade between South America and Europe. Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, said yesterday to Stevenage that Labour was the only party committed to seeking the views of the people on the EEC through a ballot box which was very much our renegotiation will succeed", she said.

Two more fire bombs explode in Birmingham

Two more fire devices exploded in Birmingham overnight yesterday, both in timber yards. The first went off in a yard in the Moseley area, where an automatic sprinkler system prevented serious damage. Two others were found at the premises and made safe. Then an incendiary device exploded at a yard in Anderton Road, Sparkbrook. Firemen brought the blaze under control. Army experts later at the Anderton Road yard defused two more devices found in lorry cabs. Nobody was hurt in the incidents. Five firebombs early on Tuesday slightly damaged cinemas in the city. They were left timed to go off after the audiences had left.

Dispute at Kodak colour plant is ended

By Our Labour Staff A long-standing dispute at Kodak's colour film processing plant at Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, ended yesterday when the company agreed to give limited recognition to an outside trade union, the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians. Union recognition claims led to a prolonged strike at the film laboratories last year, with customers' films being held up for several months. More recently, the plant has been affected by a two-month work to rule by ACT members, which has now been called off. Kodak has always refused to give recognition to any outside union, and has negotiated only with the internal Union of Kodak Workers. Now it has agreed to accept five shop stewards from ACT to represent the union's 150 members at Hemel Hempstead, although the union has still not been given full bargaining rights. The company said yesterday that the new agreement would allow them to install new processing plant at Hemel in time for the holiday season, when demand for colour film processing is at its height.

Service workers delay flights from Heathrow

Many passengers were stranded at Heathrow Airport, London, last night after fuel workers employed by the Shell Oil Company stopped work to attend a mass meeting on working conditions. Fifteen British Airways flights, most of them to destinations within the United Kingdom, were delayed. Some overseas flights by British Airways, Alitalia, Air France and Swissair, were also held up. Later Shell night staff agreed to work normally pending talks with the Shell management on Monday.

Woman jailed for football violence

A woman aged 21 with a long record of football violence, and her former boyfriend were each sent to prison for nine months yesterday for causing a fight after a match. Judge John Lee sentencing them at Stafford Crown Court criticized magistrates who are too lenient with football hooligans. Miss Gilliver, of Stafford Road, Wolverhampton, and Paul Heywood, of Hilton Street, Wolverhampton, pleaded guilty to making an affray at a match between Wolverhampton Wanderers and Birmingham City. The jury found Mr Heywood guilty of assaulting two police men and he was given a further three months to run concurrently. Miss Gilliver and Mr Heywood together with five others were arrested in Wolverhampton after a fight in a shoe shop near the Wolverhampton team's ground. The jury was told Miss Gilliver took a leading part in the fight, but did not go to the Derek Bates said she has a long record of football violence. In May, 1972, she attacked a Tottenham Hotspur supporter after a game between Wolverhampton and Tottenham Hotspur and was given a conditional discharge for threatening behaviour. In September the same year she was fined £75 and bound over for two years for threatening behaviour at Sheffield United's ground. In December, 1972, she was sent to borstal for breach of the conditional discharge and wasting police time after an incident on a train in London before a Leeds match against Chelsea. Mr Iain Morris, defending her, said: "She was released from hospital last year and has tried to keep out of trouble, but trouble is synonymous with her in the case of football."

Airport plea rejected

A proposal to lodge an immediate application for planning permission for a runway extension at the Leeds-Breford airport at Yeasdon was defeated yesterday on the casting vote of the chairman of the airport committee. A second, undetected bomb may have exploded by the controlled detonation yesterday of the fuse of a Second World War bomb in the East End of London. As families returned to their homes, disposal experts were puzzled by the amount of damage the explosion caused, including about a hundred windows shattered over 100 yards. A 40lb piece of casing was hurled 200 yards along the road from the building site in Plaistow, where the bomb was found. The main crater left by the explosion appeared to have some distance from the spot where the fuse of the one-ton bomb was detonated. Colonel Gordon Chave, in charge of the disposal operations, said a possibility being considered was that a smaller bomb may have been hurled nearby. "I have sent one of my officers back to the site to make a final check, and he will have this possibility in mind," he said. He was sure that all the main explosive filling was removed by the steaming-out operation, but the explosion seemed bigger than could be accounted for by the fuse and the small amount of detonating explosive. A mobile information service has been set up on the site to aid residents.

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Clay Cross rebel fears violence if bailiffs move in

Continued from page 1 The Secretary of State for the Environment, challenging the appointment of the district auditor. Those proceedings ended when Mr Justice Megarry ruled in the High Court that their case disclosed no cause of action and was vexatious. Last January the Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by 11 against that ruling. After the court's decision the 11, already disqualified, were formally prohibited from holding office as councillors for five years. Six of them later elected to the new North-east Derbyshire District Council were banned from sitting. While yesterday's proceedings were taking place a small group of supporters carrying placards picketed the Law Courts. Mr Robert Cray, Labour MP for Keighley, said yesterday: "This Clay Cross thing is going to blow up. If they pursue them

like this they are going to create martyrs, for these people have got nothing." Mr Tom Tormay, Labour MP for Bradford South, said the rebels "kept the banner flying for the kind of thing for which the Labour Party was founded to fight against." He added: "I would hope that some means could be found possibly an appeal launched among Labour supporters and sympathizers throughout the land, to help these people. It is important that the movement should not let them down at this crucial time after their very courageous stand." Mr Charles Bunting, one of the rent rebels, said in Clay Cross last night: "This is the first time during our fight that I have been afraid. If the bailiffs come they will face the many of our supporters in the town who are prepared to physically fight them." Mr Bunting, who was chair-

man of the council's housing committee during the time it fought the Conservative Housing Finance Act, added: "I am afraid for the first time that violence will enter into this affair. They say the bailiffs will be clothed. Violence is connected with fascism and we don't want that." He said he would be forced into bankruptcy if he had to pay his share of the surcharge. He said: "We do not want anyone to pay the money for us. We do not believe it is a debt that should be paid. We want the Labour Government to lift all penalties imposed on us in accordance with the party conference decision of last year." A spokesman for the district auditor in Sheffield said: "This was another step in the legal process of recovery of the money and the district auditor will have to decide which of several courses open to him he will take."

Tory MPs call for 'dirty tricks' details

By Our Political Correspondent Conservative leaders were not anxious yesterday to make too much of Mr Wilson's suggestion in a BBC television interview on Thursday that people were using smear campaigns against figures in public life seeking to destroy public faith in politics and politicians. They noted that Mr Wilson had declared he did not believe that any of the parliamentary parties wanted to see a collapse of democratic government. But he had mentioned smear campaigns in the context of the false allegation made against Mr Short, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the Commons, that he operated a bank account in Switzerland. That, Mr Wilson said, had been totally disproved. The Conservatives pointed out last night that when the forged documents came into their possession they immediately passed them to Mr Mellish, the Government Chief Whip. The forgery came into Conservative hands after it had been received by newspapers in Fleet Street, according to a Conservative official. No one in the party had tried to make any capital out of it. But some MPs, noting Mr Wilson's reference, were asking that Mr Short should be more specific about an allegation which he made that a "dirty tricks department" was trying to discredit the Labour Party as the only hope of defeating the Labour Government.

Mrs Williams states public-ownership case

By Our Political Correspondent Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, who is an ally of Mr Jenkins, the Home Secretary, in opposition to extreme socialist measures, last night gave her view of the extent which a Labour government should intervene in private industry. She said at a meeting in Newcastle that the Government had been much attacked in the press on the basis of rumour and artificially-created panic. Many of Britain's troubles, she said, were common to all countries—namely, low growth, low investment, and expensive imports. She said that the Government's proposals, to be made known soon, on such matters as public ownership, land, consumer protection and discrimination against women, should be judged on their merits and not on the speculation of Labour's critics and opponents. The extension of public ownership is an important Labour Party principle. Provided the line between the private and public sectors is clearly drawn, so that both know where they stand, there is no reason for public ownership to be feared. Indeed, it would have been irresponsible to let private companies make colossal profits out of North Sea oil. By 1980, at current prices, profits from the oil industry will be running at an annual rate of £4,000m. If nothing were done, 60 per cent of those profits would be retained by the State. That is not fair. Now the Government is taking a major stake in the new contracts. The British people must have a proper share of the benefit from the riches of the North Sea. Mrs Williams said she suspected that some of the genuine

Mrs Castle is blamed for increasing NHS difficulties

Wokingham and a former Under-Secretary of State for Health Services has known, Mr Timothy Raisna, Opposition front bench spokesman, on health, said last night. "At the present rate, Mrs Castle will go down in the history of medicine as the lady with the firefighter," he said. "Of course my Secretary of State for Social Services today would have faced vast problems over health service pay and finance. But the case against Mrs Castle is that she has needlessly exacerbated them." Mr Norman Tebbit, Conservative MP for Waltham Forest, Chingford, said he sympathized with Mrs Short but if he was to choose the level of those who slung mud at him he should make public any positive information he had. Mr George Gardiner, Conservative MP for Reigate, said the idea of such a department was ludicrous. He thought Mrs Short had been the victim of a practical joke. Henry Masters, aged 72, of Chequer Road, Gloucester, who admitted driving a lorry on a drink and driving charge so that he could go on taking his invalid wife out as long as possible, was fined £30 at Gloucester Crown Court yesterday and ordered not to drive for a year. Judge Anthony Bulger, ordering Mr Masters who pleaded guilty, to pay £30 costs, said the tactic was a "scandalous" waste of public money. The sooner we can get a secretary of state determined to restore harmony to this all-important service, the better", Mr Raisna added. Sir Harnmar Nicholls, Conservative MP for Peterborough, said yesterday that he must contract out of the Conservative policy of retaining the school leaving age at 16. On Thursday, Mr William van Straubenzee, Conservative MP for

Delaying tactic to postpone ban

By Our Labour Staff A long-standing dispute at Kodak's colour film processing plant at Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, ended yesterday when the company agreed to give limited recognition to an outside trade union, the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians. Union recognition claims led to a prolonged strike at the film laboratories last year, with customers' films being held up for several months. More recently, the plant has been affected by a two-month work to rule by ACT members, which has now been called off. Kodak has always refused to give recognition to any outside union, and has negotiated only with the internal Union of Kodak Workers. Now it has agreed to accept five shop stewards from ACT to represent the union's 150 members at Hemel Hempstead, although the union has still not been given full bargaining rights. The company said yesterday that the new agreement would allow them to install new processing plant at Hemel in time for the holiday season, when demand for colour film processing is at its height.

Weather forecast and recordings

Weather forecast and recordings section containing maps of the UK and Europe, and tables for 'Today', 'Tomorrow', and 'Yesterday' weather conditions across various regions like London, Glasgow, and the East Coast.

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HOME NEWS



Valery Panov, watched by his wife Gatina, greeting Lord Olivier who led the campaign by Equity, the actors' union, to help the ballet dancers in their struggle to leave the Soviet Union and start a new life in Israel. The couple were attending a reception yesterday at the Israel Ambassador's residence in London to thank people in Britain who had helped them. The Prime Minister was unable to attend because of a Cabinet meeting.

New Zealand seeks 30 pc butter price rise

By Leonard Amey, Agricultural Correspondent. Britain could have more New Zealand butter and cheese if it paid the right price, Mr C. Moyle, New Zealand Minister of Agriculture said in London yesterday. He has had a week of discussions with British ministers. Britain is still the most important market for New Zealand butter. New Zealanders have a guaranteed market in the EEC but the price is based on an average of the four years before British accession. Since then, production and transport costs have risen. Mr Moyle estimated that the price would need to be 30 per cent to 31 per cent higher than at the start of April to cover those costs. Cost inflation had not stopped, and by the time a settlement agreed by the EEC was reached the figure might be nearer 35 per cent.

Student in Red Lion Square clash fined

A student was fined £15 yesterday in the first case arising from the Red Lion Square demonstration in June. David Ripley, aged 20, of Rainton Road, Sunderland, a student at Sunderland Polytechnic, was found guilty at Bow Street Magistrates' Court of threatening behaviour. He was ordered to pay £10 costs. Police Constable Alan Burton, of the Metropolitan Police special patrol group, said Mr Ripley was in the front of a group of demonstrators who were forcing their way through a police cordon. After being arrested he said: "Why are you protecting fascists?" National Front marchers were near the Cenotaph in the square at the same time. PC Jack Whittam said the crowd was shouting: "Racials, pigs, why are you protecting them?" He added: "The remarks were definitely directed at the police and accompanied by spitting."

In brief College named at Cambridge

Cambridge University is to name its proposed new college Robinson College after Mr David Robinson, the racehorse owner and former head of Robinson Rentals, the television rental firm, who provided £10m to build it.

Police attack charge

Cornelius Hyde, aged 29, unemployed and homeless, was remanded in custody for a week at Marlborough Magistrates' Court yesterday charged with attempting to murder Police Constable David Clements and using force when stealing £11,425 from Barclays Bank, Wellington Road, St John's Wood, on July 22.

Mother for trial

Mrs Elizabeth Wise, aged 37, of Forbury House, Kintbury, near Newbury, Berkshire, a cousin of the Queen, was yesterday committed for trial at Newbury accused of murdering her baby Emma, aged nine months, on June 6.

Football game echo

A jury at Euford Crown Court yesterday found 24 young football supporters guilty of unlawful assembly after a Luton Town-Nottingham Forest match. They will be sentenced on Monday.

Bridge reopens

The swingbridge over the river Ouse at Goulch which was damaged last December by a German cargo vessel severing the main Hull-Doncaster railway will reopen to local single line traffic on Monday.

Shadow for London

Mr Heath has appointed Mr Geoffrey Finsberg, MP for Ilamstead, front bench spokesman with responsibility for coordinating policies affecting London.

Rail grant approved

Mr Ross, Secretary of State for Scotland, has approved a 75 per cent government grant for the £15m scheme to reopen and electrify the central low level railway, Glasgow.

A Liberal return

Mr Frank Phillips, aged 43, a train driver, was named yesterday as the first Liberal prospective parliamentary candidate for Carlisle in ten years.

WEST EUROPE

Spinola regime suspends three newspapers for violating restrictive press regulations

Lisbon, Aug 2.—Two Lisbon newspapers have been suspended for two days and a third for one day by the Junta, for publishing a report considered to have broken press regulations laid down by the military-led Government of President Spínola. The newspapers, A Capital, Republica and Diario de Lisboa, all evening dailies, were suspended because of a report in their Wednesday editions of a Maoist demonstration at which a statement by Portuguese Cape Verde Islands groups accused the Spínola regime of "betraying the true aspirations of our people for total and unconditional independence." Because A Capital and Diario de Lisboa do not print on Sundays, they were not expected to be back on the newsstands until Monday evening. A director of Republica said that as a show of solidarity with the other newspapers, his daily would not publish tomorrow, returning to the newsstands on Monday. The director of Lisbon's dailies, the Diario Popular, refused to publish today as a sign of sympathy with the other three. A Communications Ministry spokesman said he had no comment on the decision. "All I can say is that the decision was taken by a higher-ranked command than the Ad Hoc Commission," he said. In the past, the Junta's Commission, appointed by the military junta, has imposed fines for violations of the press regulations. It is believed it has now offered to resign. At first, the newspapers received the suspension order over the telephone. This afternoon, however, they received the communication officially, signed by members of the Junta. Senhora Maria do Carmo Rouella Ramos, a director of Diario de Lisboa, said: "We had a telephone call last night from the Communications Minister. We immediately tried to reach Senhor Rouella Ramos, our director-president, who telephonically was at a meeting with the Prime Minister at the Sao Bento Palace. There, the Government decision was confirmed. The suspensions were the sternest disciplinary action against the news media since the ousting of the Cacetao fascist regime. A Capital and Republica have been fined before but not suspended. Republica was fined a second time earlier this week for publishing an article on the armed forces. Senhor Raul Rego, a director of Republica, who was dismissed three weeks ago as Information Minister, attacked the decision of the Junta which, he said, "promised to create a new press law, and still has not done anything about it." The newspapers are expected to suffer heavy financial loss by not circulating this weekend. The suspension coincided with the arrival in Portugal of Dr Kurt Waldheim, Secretary-General of the United Nations, for a three-day official visit.—AP.

Lisbon sees Waldheim visit as UN accolade

From José Sherriff, Lisbon, Aug 2. Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, arrived in Lisbon today to discuss Portugal's decolonization problems with the new leaders of the country. He is the first Secretary-General ever to visit Portugal, whose relations with the United Nations for the past decade and a half have been defensive rather than friendly. Dr Waldheim was met at Lisbon airport by Dr Mario Soares, the Foreign Minister, and Dr Veiga Simão, Portugal's representative at the United Nations. During his 48-hour stay in Lisbon Dr Waldheim will have discussions with Colonel Zosco Gonçalves, the Prime Minister, and Dr Soares. He lunched today with President Spínola. Dr Waldheim's visit is regarded as a triumph for the Spínola regime. The history of Portugal's relations with the United Nations during the 1960s is full of condemnations of her African policy and demands for the independence of Angola, Guinea and Mozambique. The former Secretary-General, U Thant, declined repeated invitations to visit Portugal and her colonies. At the airport, Dr Waldheim referred to the great changes that had occurred in Portugal. He said he was sure "that the United Nations, and I as its Secretary-General, will do everything we can to help" over the decolonization problem. Another arrival in Lisbon was that of the first ambassador from a communist country, Dr Berich Butzke, of East Germany. Belra, Aug 2.—An official ceasefire in Mozambique may be announced tomorrow, reliable sources reported here and in Lourenço Marques today. They said the ceasefire would end the 10-year guerrilla war with the Mozambique Liberation Front (Frelimo). The main reason no dates and official communiqués had been issued on the matter, the sources said, was because "peace negotiations are in progress with Frelimo in several countries, and these negotiations are highly secret." The negotiations were being held in Europe and Tanzania, the sources added. Ten days ago members of the Portuguese Army and Frelimo guerrillas joined forces to dig out landmines from ambushed roads and tracks. The joint activities were followed by meetings organized by Frelimo leaders to inform people that Frelimo had come in peace and goodwill. The Portuguese authorities not only have allowed these meetings but in Nampula yesterday Army officials said they had had several meetings with local guerrilla commanders. In Lourenço Marques, the outgoing Governor-General of Mozambique, Dr Soares de Melo, returned from Lisbon last night to act as caretaker government until the military junta takes over from him. In Luanda, members of Angola's three rival nationalist movements came together for the first time yesterday to demonstrate support for the Armed Forces Movement now ruling Portugal. The newspaper Prôvincia Angola reported today.—Agence France Presse and Reuter.

Solidarity between jailed and jailor

From Charles Hargrove, Paris, Aug 2. There were indications today that the agitation of the inmates in French prisons is dying down. Since yesterday, there have been no violent outbreaks, but at the same time there is no sign that prison staff are prepared to end their partial strike action until their demands for better pay and conditions, and more consideration, are met. One unexpected development of the warders' action has been the support it has received from the prisoners themselves. At Arras, for example, the 160 prisoners joined in the staffs' hunger strike which involved everyone from the director down to the last turnkey. "I am going to try to persuade the young prisoners to stop their hunger strike," the director said. "They must not ruin their health." As for us, we shall only start to eat again when we have obtained satisfaction. It is the only law in which we can press our claims while remaining within the bounds of the law, as we are denied the right to strike." About 10 prisoners took food in order to be fit to do essential work in the warders' canteen yesterday. There was a little sugared water. Arras is a prison where there has never been any trouble. At Nice, the prisoners sent a letter yesterday to M Lecanuet, the Minister of Justice, thanking him for his efforts to secure reform of the penal system. "On the other hand," is read, "in view of the improvements we are promised the prison staff appears, by comparison, to be victimized. We shall allow ourselves to draw your attention to this fact: the reason is that on the whole, the staff has always given us the possibility of discussion. Although the prison is old, unhealthy, crawling with vermin, and devoid of all sanitation, we must acknowledge that it has done everything to palliate these defects." At Mulhouse, the prisoners sent a similar petition in favour of the prison staff.

Belgium bans entry of foreign workers

From Our Own Correspondent, Brussels, Aug 2. The Belgian Government has decided to ban the entry of foreign workers into the country, allegedly while it sorts out the problem of illegal immigrants. According to the Ministry of Labour and Employment, the ban will be temporary although no date has been fixed for its termination. In the meantime, steps will be taken to regularize the status of illegal immigrants who have been working in Belgium since before April 1, the Ministry says. Exceptions to the ban will be made for highly skilled workers and, of course, workers from other European Community countries, including Britain. The ban is required, the Ministry of Labour says, to prevent employers from hiring new immigrants illegally while the situation of the 15,000 to 20,000 illegal workers already in the country is being resolved. Nevertheless, this line of reasoning is not shared by the immigrant community. They suspect it may be a useful pretext to close Belgium's borders permanently to foreign workers. They will be watching carefully to ensure that the clampdown is, indeed, only of a temporary nature.

Protesting farmers block roads in Holland

The Hague, August 2.—Thousands of angry Dutch farmers, protesting at EEC farm rules and dwindling incomes, today brought traffic chaos to Holland by blocking roads with tractors, combine harvesters and other agricultural machinery. The farmers are pressing the Dutch Government for financial support to offset what they claim are excessively low prices for their products in the EEC's price structure. Dr Jaap Boersma, the Social Affairs Minister, met farming organization leaders here today and promised that the Cabinet would discuss the government demand for government measures to improve farmers' incomes at its next meeting. In France, irate fishermen, protesting at falling incomes, today joined militant farmers in blocking traffic. The latest demonstration was led by fishermen from the south-western port of Saint Jean de Luz who barred the holiday road to Spain in protest at Spanish tuna fish imports. This followed a violent protest by 10,000 farmers in Perigueux yesterday. The demonstrators were condemned by M Christian Bonoe, the Agriculture Minister, who said in a statement: "These pressure tactics by farmers in revolt are absolutely intolerable. If the authors are found I will ask for them to be mercilessly punished."—Reuter.

Danish support for Chirac summit hopes

From Our Correspondent, Copenhagen, Aug 2. M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, emphasized his Government's interest in a European summit meeting for 1974 during talks here today with Mr Poul Hartling, the Danish Prime Minister. The French hopes were supported by Mr Hartling, although both leaders agreed that such a meeting should be well prepared and that it should only cover a limited range of subjects in which there is a prospect of definite results being achieved. Mr Hartling's agreement on this and other aspects of European affairs underlined the very broad area of agreement which Mr Chirac's visit had brought about in Danish-French relations. The three-day official visit, which ended today, was successful both in relation to the political talks and in the coverage it has received here. M Chirac managed to ally some of what Danish fears that France's

Brothers accused of murder

Three teenagers were sent for trial at the central Criminal Court yesterday when they appeared at Bow Street Magistrates' Court charged with the murder of Roger Thornley, a stage designer, at Hungerford Bridge, Charing Cross. They were Patrick Donovan, aged 18, his brother Robert, aged 17, both of Darlington House, Springfield Estate, Smith Lambeth, and David Baillie, aged 17, of Red Cross Way, Southwark. Also committed for trial was Garry Hards, aged 17, of no fixed address, charged with providing an alibi for David Baillie with intent to impede his apprehension or prosecution.

Press Council sets aside a finding

The Press Council has set aside an adjudication made in July, 1967, when it upheld a complaint by Burton Constituency Labour Party that the Burton Daily Mail knowingly misled its readers on a matter of public importance by reporting the nomination of an Independent candidate in Saffronshire County Council election but ignoring the nomination of the Labour candidate. At no time during the election campaign, the party said, did the newspaper mention the existence of a Labour candidate. The Press Council adjudication was: "The Burton Daily Mail ought to have ascertained whether or not there were any other candidates and should have published this information. On behalf of the editor, solicitors wrote to the Press Council on March 21, 1974, saying that the basis on which no report of the nomination was made was erroneous. Later inquiries showed that the newspaper had in fact reported the nomination of Mr Hancock (the Labour candidate) on the day of his nomination. A copy of the issue of the newspaper of March 23, 1967, containing the announcement was forwarded on August 23, 1967. The newspaper again drew attention to the matter two months later. The solicitors said that in the light of an ill founded allegation made against the newspaper in another newspaper, it was not

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Malta rejects EEC trade and aid concessions

From David Cross, Brussels, Aug 2. The Maltese Government has told the European Community that its latest trade and aid offer is completely unsatisfactory. In a message to community representatives in Brussels, the Maltese say they are disappointed both with the EEC trade concessions on agricultural products and with the Community's latest offer of financial cooperation. Ten days ago, after months of hesitation, EEC member governments approved a new proposed trade and aid deal for Malta, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Spain and Israel as part of the Nine's "free trade" policy. The Maltese offer a number of new tariff concessions on farm exports from these countries and about £150m of financial aid over the next five years. The Maltese are particularly concerned about the Community's aid offer. As their agricultural exports to the Community are minimal, they regard this as the most important part of any future deal. Their principal concern is that the £150m will be paid mostly in the form of repayable loans, not grants, and that by the time it has been divided among the beneficiary countries there will be very little left for them.

Ivory speculators killing off the African elephant

Morges, Switzerland, Aug 2.—To save the African elephant from extinction, two leading conservation organizations today called for urgent measures to stem elephant poaching and the illegal traffic in ivory. The World Wildlife Fund and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature said poaching had intensified recently because of a sharp increase in the value of ivory which had become "a speculative commodity, a badge against inflation and a method of illegally transferring funds from one country to another." "The killing of thousands of animals by poachers, who hack out the ivory and leave the carcass to rot, is wanton destruction for private gain to the detriment of the community as a whole," they said in a joint statement. Poachers often used bribery and were even supported by certain senior officials and politicians. The two organizations recommended strict official control of the possession and sale of raw ivory, strict management of hunting for sport and improved anti-poaching measures.—Reuter.

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Advertisement for Boots Supermarket. It features a large '25p off' coupon for colour print film developing. The text says 'Colour print film developing at Boots now!' and 'Worth 25p'. It includes a coupon to be cut out and used at a Boots store. The coupon is for 25p off on any colour print film developed at Boots. The ad also mentions that Boots Supermarket has a wide range of products and services.

OVERSEAS

Palestinian leader attacks Soviet policy in the Middle East as guerrillas hold talks in Moscow

Beirut, Aug. 2.—The head of the militant Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) has attacked Soviet Middle East policy sharply, blaming it for a decline in socialist movements in the area.

Dr. Hahab said that the Soviet Union wanted a national Palestinian organization on part of Palestinian territory and not on all of it. "This we reject," he said.

recognition here, although the Russians have long supported the Palestinian cause. The sources said the office would be along the lines of the mission to Moscow by the PLO and recognized by the Soviet Government in 1969.

Mr Smith plays down big African vote

From Michael Knipe Salisbury, Aug. 2 Mr. Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, said here tonight that he had had confidential communications with the British Government on the procedure by which Britain might recognize any internal settlement reached between the Rhodesian Government and Africans at a round table conference which Mr. Smith proposed to hold.

Warning in Israel on Arab troop moves

From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv, Aug. 2 Mr. Shimon Peres, the Minister of Defence, told the Israeli Cabinet on Tuesday that Egyptian military units had held manoeuvres crossing the Suez Canal from the African side to Sinai.

Little leniency shown to Mr Dean

Continued from page 1 Until the judge had heard all the new tapes the President was now delivering. He suggested that a tape of February 27, 1973, would show Mr. Dean explaining "negative aspects" of the cover-up to the President a month earlier than Mr. Nixon admits.

Mr Nixon gives up another 13 tapes

From Fred Emery Washington, Aug. 2 Thirteen more Watergate tape recordings that Mr. Nixon has spent most of the week reviewing, were today banded over by his counsel to Judge John Sirica.

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Four in court after bank strike in Kenya

Nairobi, Aug. 2.—The nationwide bank strike which brought commercial banking in Kenya to a standstill for four days is over.

Minister resigns in Nigeria

Lagos, Aug. 2.—Mr. Joseph Tarka, Nigeria's Federal Commissioner (Minister) for Communications, has resigned, the Cabinet Office announced today.

Hint that Delhi may forgo further nuclear tests

From Our Correspondent Ottawa, Aug. 2 The possibility that India will forgo further nuclear test explosions on economic grounds was hinted at today.

Bomb attempt on airline

Beirut, Aug. 2.—A man walked into the ground floor sales office of Pan American Airways in Beirut today and deposited an airline handbag containing a time bomb, a Pan American spokesman said.

Cocos Islanders advise UN not to interfere

Canberra, Aug. 2.—Inhabitants of the Cocos Islands in the Indian Ocean do not want the United Nations to impose any change on their way of life, representatives of the islands' Council of Headmen said in Canberra today.

India to intensify security operations in Nagaland

From Michael Hornsby Delhi, Aug. 2 Strain is showing in relations between Delhi and the state Government in Nagaland, which is led by the United Democratic Front, the unexpected victor in elections earlier this year over the Naga Nationalist Organization, which is supported by the ruling Indian Congress party.

General Amin calls off invasion

Kampala, Aug. 2.—President Idi Amin today abandoned his plans to invade Uganda, mobilizing thousands of troops and threatening for two days to annex a large chunk of Tanzania.

Briton murdered in Zambia

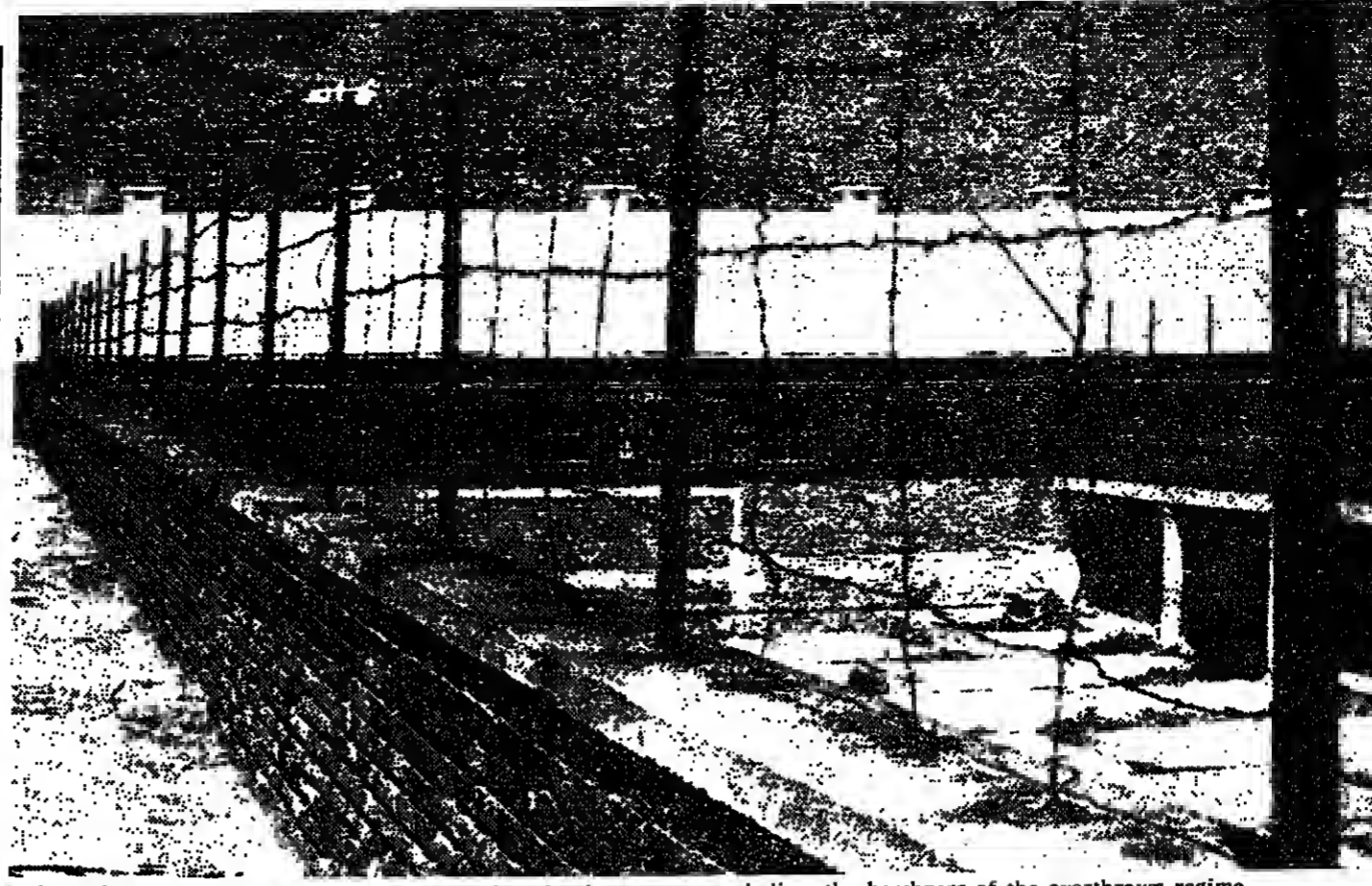
Lusaka, Aug. 2.—An Englishman has been found murdered at his home north of here a week after his marriage to a Zambian nurse. He was William John Alistair Lewis, aged 38, from Gillingham, Kent.

Migration rules 'no insult' to Argentines

From Our Correspondent Melbourne, Aug. 2 Mr. Peter Shore, the British Secretary of State for Trade, who is making a week-long official visit to Australia, said today that the Australian Government's decision to tighten controls on entry to Australia of citizens from Britain, Ireland, Canada, New Zealand and Fiji came as no surprise and would not be resented by the British Government and people.

200 arrested in Argentina funeral clashes

Buenos Aires, Aug. 2.—Mourners marching in the funeral procession of the left-wing Congressman Senator Rodolfo Ortega Peña, who was shot on Wednesday, clashed repeatedly with police today.



Barbed wire, round an exercise yard at Yaros island prison camp, symbolizes the harshness of the overthrown regime.

S Africa to strengthen defences on borders

From Our Correspondent Cape Town, Aug. 2 South Africa is strengthening its defences to meet the possible spread of hostilities on its borders, State President Fouché said in opening Parliament in Cape Town today.

Mr Fouché said urgent measures had to be taken to increase the size of the defence force and to build up armaments. Satisfactory progress was being made doing both.

On Coloured (mixed race) policy, over which there are serious divisions in the Nationalist Government, Mr Fouché indicated that the registration of Coloured voters, taking place which would be followed by a general election for the Coloured Representative Council.

Air India is hit by pilots' dispute

Delhi, Aug. 2.—Only four of Air India's 34 weekly scheduled international flights are likely to be operational from midnight tonight because of a dispute between management and pilots, the airline's chairman, Mr. R. D. Tata, said today.

New Bhutto offer to rebel Baluchistan tribesmen

From Our Correspondent Rawalpindi, Aug. 2 Mr. Bhutto, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, today told rebel tribesmen in Baluchistan to lay down arms by October 15 or face the united might of the nation.

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The Bagshot Commission

by Nigel Dennis

Excerpts from the proceedings of the 23rd day

... must warn, as on previous days, that laughter and murmurs are not in order in a matter of national importance.

Now, sir, you are the editor of the newspaper that employed Bagshot?

I am.

Will you kindly tell the Commission how and when you came to employ him?

It was the middle of January last year, or about that, and I was attending a cocktail party in the penthouse of Mr Plumb.

The transplant heart-surgeon?

Right... There was a big crowd of mixed types and I was on my way to a quiet corner when my eye fell on Bagshot. I went straight to him and said: "How would you like to do theatre pieces for us?" Or words conveying that meaning.

You were looking for a dramatic critic?

Yes. Our old one had passed on.

Had he been with you for some years?

Almost fifty, to say the least.

So you were offering Bagshot a position of lasting importance?

No, not really. All dramatic critics continue a long time. But their position is not important. That is why they go on holding it.

None the less, the position is a prominent one? You would not offer it to any Tom, Dick or Harry?

Not nowadays, I agree. We always used to...

So, when you made your offer to Bagshot you knew that the position demanded an Englishman of integrity and worth?

A good journalist, yes.

You say there was a large crowd at Mr Plumb's penthouse. Of what sort of persons?

Oh, just the usual London collection—columnists, one or two peers, people's wives, a few members of the Foreign Corps, some MPs, company directors.

Bagshot was talking to certain of these?

Not when I approached and addressed him. He looked a bit down at heel and out of things. He was not employed, you see.

Was he surprised by your offer?

I think so. He accepted it at once. The very next afternoon he came to my office with 5,000 words.

Which gave you the impression that he was a competent critic?

No, which proved how hard up he was. Punctuality always means a poor author. You soon learn that in Fleet Street.

So, Bagshot then became your dramatic critic?

He did that function, yes.

Now, I would like you to tell the Commission frankly, had you at the time of engaging Bagshot in this position of public trust heard any rumours or gossip about his private life?

Nothing whatever, apart from the usual sort of thing. What one hears about everyone.

What is it that one hears about everyone, may I ask? Be honest, if you can.

Well, let's say that... that when employed in the past, he'd conducted certain relationships... There'd been individuals of the sexes, so to speak, in parts of his life. There had been a receptiveness to sums of money. I mean, the things one keeps private... what everybody knows.

You would call that "the usual sort of thing", would you?

You know what London's like, is all I'm trying to imply.

In short, when you engaged Bagshot as your dramatic critic, you were aware that he had not a clean sheet.

Only in the sense I am talking about, yes.

But this did not deter you?

I have to get the paper out, sir. If I only employed clean sheets there would be all those blanks.

I see. So you never paused to think what harm might be done to the nation by a dramatic critic whose life you knew had not been straight?

No, sir.

Nor of the impression that your engaging of a corrupt critic might make in other countries—in New York, Paris, Sydney, Rome?

No, sir, as I say, I didn't think the job was of specific importance. We just have to fill that column.

The Commission has noted that the editorials in your newspaper contain frequent references to the lack of quality in the nation today—the corruption, the decadent spirit, the affluence. Who writes these editorials?

I write most of them myself.

Were you able to go on writing them knowing that a man like Bagshot was, at your own request, filling your dramatic column?

We try and do our bit for decency.

... proceed now to the period leading up to the exposure and arrest of Bagshot. You have told the Commission that Bagshot's way of life was already under-way, or had been once, who he became your dramatic critic. Can you tell us if you observed any change in him, for better or worse, after he had assumed this position of trust?

Yes. He had a rather cringing, humble character so long as he was out of work. Then, after a few weeks on salary, I noticed he was more self-assured, more jaunty, even cocky. He dressed better. He purchased a motor car. He was invited to certain embassies. Sometimes, his copy came in late.

What caused this change, in your opinion?

Oh, his having a job, I'm sure.

You mean that he had become affluent?

Compared with what he'd been before. I remember his saying that he felt no nostalgia for the good old days.

What did Bagshot mean by that?

He meant when he was a young man, the Battle of Britain, past discomforts of all sorts, Dunkirk, rationing. The more bracing periods of our heritage.

Did he appear to hold a grudge against those periods?

I think I do recall a hardness—a not warm tone.

Did you caution him in any way?

I cautioned him about getting his copy in late.

But not about the effects of affluence?

No. The salary seemed not so great as to justify it.

However, about three months after Bagshot came onto your payroll, there was the occurrence called "The Clerkewell Humdinger". Will you give the Commission your account of this?

Well, two of our reporters, hearing of this event, hurried to it with about 20 other reporters, I suppose, from other newspapers. But all they found when they got to Clerkewell was—Bagshot.

What do you mean by "all they found" was Bagshot?

I mean, on climbing into the maisonette, they found, instead of an interesting story, there was only Bagshot.

Was the incident not just as horrifying? You recall what had been taking place?

Oh, yes, but as Bagshot was the main figure in it, the reporters felt... well... they felt it wasn't really a national story after all.

They decided to hush it up because Bagshot was a newspaperman?

They thought, yes, that it would be bad for national morale to expose Bagshot, even though he was only the theatre man.

The truth came through to you?

Oh, yes. I had to make the decision not to print it.

Did you send for Bagshot?

I recall there was some Middle East tension at the time. I was so engaged on it, I dismissed Bagshot from my mind. I think I tried to phone once, but he was out to lunch—with some official in a trade union, I was told.

So that even after you knew to what lengths he would go, you still retained him as your dramatic critic?

In a sense, yes. I never regard the theatre as part of the editorial side. Really, I try to keep them very separate.

Two months later, as we know now, Bagshot organized what is popularly called "The

Big Barbecue". I need not remind you of how the police described that weekend—"unimaginable in England" was a phrase they used. Did you know of it at the time?

I remember hearing it discussed and someone expressing astonishment.

At the horror of it all?

At Bagshot being able to do it. At his age.

Do you imply there was admiration?

Certainly not in Fleet Street. There was much deep disturbance.

But you were not disturbed?

I'm sure that I remember I was. But Bagshot's column was coming along well. It was even being read. I thought I should leave well alone.

By now, the reports of the sort of man Bagshot was had reached the ears of the general public, had they not?

Word-of-mouth rumours had commenced, definitely. Quite honestly, I think that's why Bagshot's column was being read. I can think of no other reason.

The British people were reading Bagshot's dramatic criticism because they knew of the scurrilous nature of his private life? Do you seriously suggest that?

I don't feel confident to judge, really.

Before long, Bagshot's reputation had reached the ears of the foreign press. That is correct, is it not?

No, he spoke to me—on May

the eighteenth: it was my wife's birthday, as I remember. He said that if by any chance he was becoming an embarrassment to the paper he would readily resign: he added something vague about he was getting plenty of money from other sources—office blocks, wasteland, something called health-parlours. I persuaded him not to leave us. I felt it would be morally wrong to leave him without work.

The Commission has Bagshot's bank sheets. They show an increase in his salary beginning in that week.

Yes. Interest in him was so growing that I thought I had better play safe. And that was when he said he intended to run for office.

What did he mean by that?

I think "stand for Parliament" was what he meant. He said he had the right contacts.

The following week Government stocks began to fall. That was the week you began placing a photograph of Bagshot, in dark glasses, at the head of his dramatic criticism.

Yes, readers like the personal image. It gives interest to the actual writing.

The so-called "Underpass Tragedy" followed almost immediately, did it not?

It did. Apparently, the concrete was sub-standard. Of course, I did not connect that with Bagshot.

No, he spoke to me—on May

And then the Sermons of the Seven Bishops, the Amin Proves, the stock-market collapse and the confession of the Czechoslovakian attaché? You knew that all this was because of Bagshot?

I was in such a state by then, I hardly knew which event was due to what. Bagshot's theatre column read more and more like the City Page and my editorials read more and more like theatricals. Circulation was climbing, stocks were crumbling, gulfs in society were opening. Wondering what best to do, we began running Bagshot's life story in the middle of the paper, to enable us to attack it in the page adjoining. But it was no good.

What do you mean it was no good?

I felt my own moral standards being caught up in some overwhelming drift. I struggled to see where my duty to the nation lay, but all I knew was that if Bagshot wasn't arrested soon, it would mean my nervous breakdown. I kept phoning the police hysterically, struggling and appealing to their duty. When at last they booked Bagshot with the forged letters at Dunstable, I recall falling to my carpet and thanking God.

Bagshot is serving a long sentence for an astonishing variety of crimes and it is not the purpose of this Commission to try his case a second time. What we have been asked to find out is whether Bagshot is an exceptional Englishman or exemplifies some deeper rotteness in this society. Have you an opinion on this point?

I am confident Bagshot is the latter—a nationwide malaise. As I see it, once we lost our great power—ceased to be, I mean, a Great Power—we still had our great moral power, signifying that the poorer we got, the more the other nations knew what we were going without, and could look up to us for. Now, they can't do that any more, because our affluence is preventing them: they just feel that we are no better than they are—that's what's injured them so bitterly about Bagshot—to have killed their respect.

But none of this occurred to you when you engaged Bagshot at Mr Plumb's?

I knew about our power ebb and that our morals were barely holding together. And I knew that Bagshot wanted work. I never dreamt that to give him the theatre column would bring the house down.

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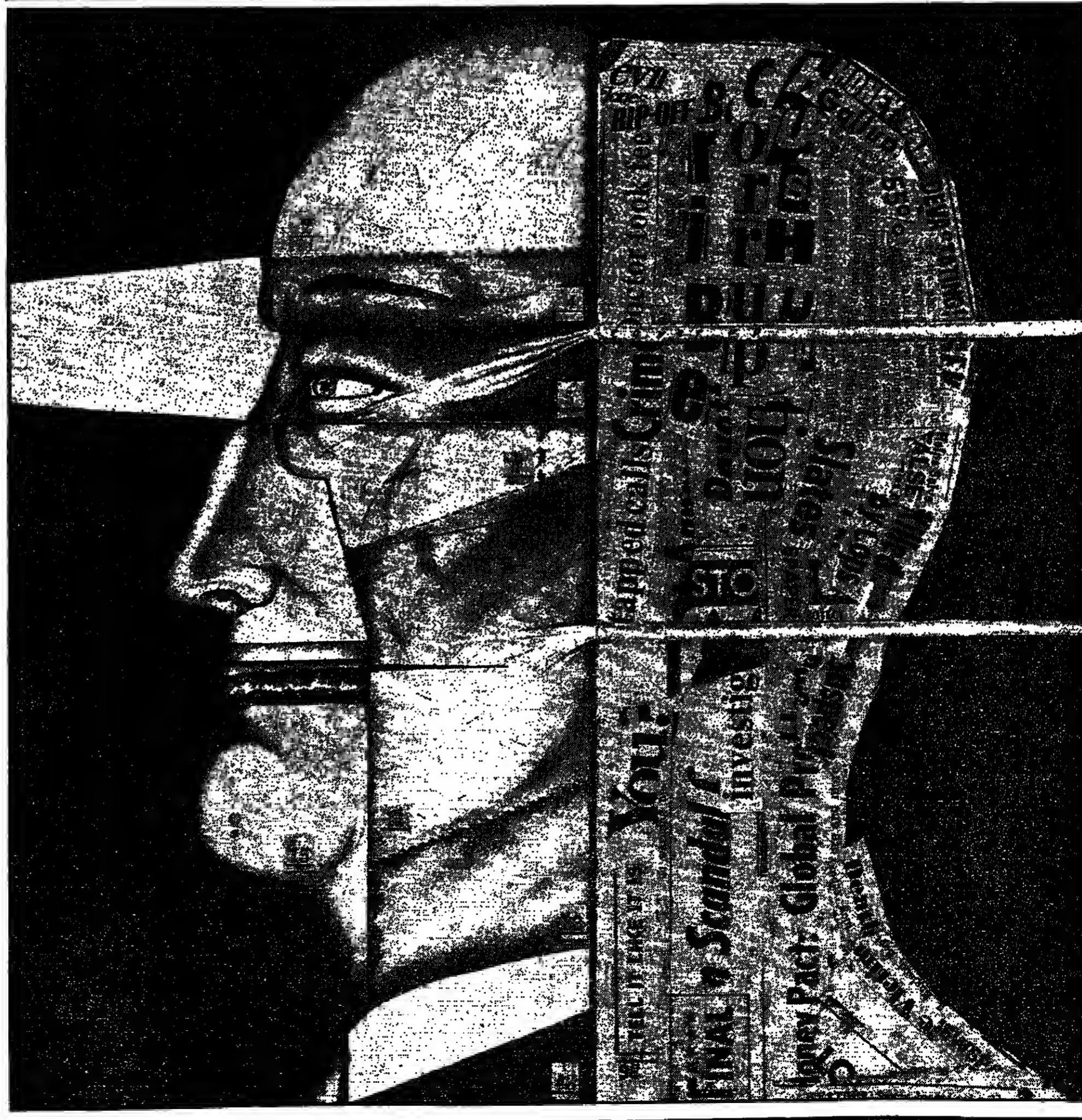


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Out for the Count

The Count of Monte Cristo

Theatre Royal, Stratford E

Irving Wardle

This time round the Theatre Royal welcomes patrons at the door with numbers on the musical saw, and a small harp balloon tethered to the roof; while down in the lavatories there are brand new dungeon jokes.

For once, however, fun corner has not been allowed to engulf the whole show, which is a more disciplined affair than has been seen of late at this address. Whether the theatre will take this as a compliment is another matter. I have a suspicion that Ken Hill (adapter and director) set out to do with Monte Cristo what others have done with The Three Musketeers, only to discover that the plan is not workable. No one can remember the entire plot of the Musketeers, so there is no obstacle to burlesque additions. But with Monte Cristo, Gothic romance exerts its spell and once the story is under way, all one wants is to see it worked out without interruption.

At the outset, the company tread water with the usual Theatre Workshop backbeat: rapport with the front rows rating much higher than establishing character and situation. Travesty cabin boys get goosed every time they trudge across with a spar, and the villainous Feroald offers his heart to Mercedes with a love song in highly dubious Catalan. But thereafter the plot takes over, and Mr Hill seems to have increasing difficulty in inserting anything of his own.

There are a couple of comic cliff-bangers in the Chateau d'If with Kent Baker delivering an escapology spiel as Dantes

struggles to escape from a watery grave. And Mr Baker returns in gypsy baron curls and winged loggarme to masquerade as an aristocratic peasant in one of the reeveage scenes. But the real achievement of the show is that it lightens the atmosphere of the melodrama without disrupting suspense.

The main tactic is to underplay the villainy. That may sound counter-productive, but in fact the sight of the banker Danglars is a miserly buffoon and Larry Dann's Vilefort as a transparent charade of legal corruption, still allows Dantes plenty of reason for vengeance and lets fresh air into the story-telling.

In this atmosphere, anachronistic fun can flourish. Vilefort's mistress can hiss lurid Cockney threats while dancing an insipid minuet with him. Other ladies in the company can turn on Rosdean voices at the mention of Bonaparte, "that dreadful little man, he's caused so much bother". Even the spectral guardians of the Chateau can appear as avuncular clowns.

Meanwhile the events are getting their due. Dantes's captivity, for instance, is evoked in a torch song, perfectly placed and passionately sung by Marianna Price; and the sight of a voluptuously dressed girl singing about a man's 14-year imprisonment powerfully intensifies the sense of what he is losing.

There are some gauche members of the company, but Bill Zappa gives them a dashing lead, and stages an impressive half-time change from the fresh-faced young Dantes to the Count, returning to seek out his prey like a vampire bat.

The Festival Ballet

Eva Evdokimova is to join the Festival Ballet as a resident principal. She will be dancing in this new capacity for the first time during their season at the New Victoria Theatre, which runs from August 5 to August 24.

Evdokimova has trained and danced with many of the world's leading companies. Having started at the Munich Opera Ballet School she later joined the Royal Ballet School before going on to the Royal Danish Ballet. She returned to Germany in 1969 to join the Deutsche Oper as a soloist, and in 1973 she was appointed their prima ballerina.

She has always been greatly influenced by Russian teachers and dancers, having worked with Dudinskaya at the Kirov in Leningrad, and studied with Russian teachers in Denmark

and Germany, and she was recently named by Nureyev in *Raymonda*. She has been a regular guest artist of both Roland Petit's company and Festival Ballet, will again be joining Festival as a guest artist at the New Victoria. She will be dancing in *Coppelia* and *Les Sylphides*, in which ballets she will be partnered by Von Loggenburg and Kerrison Cooke (*Coppelia*) and Kelvin Coe (*Les Sylphides*).

The New Victoria season is made up of three programmes: August 5-10 *Coppelia*; August 12-17 *Les Sylphides* and *Prodigal Son* (in Ragtime); and August 19-24 *Swan Lake*.



Arthur Mitchell, Ronald Perry and Lydia Abaca

Arthur Mitchell: Dance Theatre of Harlem

"We don't want people to think of us as a black ballet company," Arthur Mitchell told me. "Of course we are black, and because we are the first, that is the point of interest that gets people into the theatre. But after watching, even just for three minutes, I hope you forget that. What matters is not the colour of the skin, but whether a dancer is a good dancer or not."

Tall, still with a dancer's slender muscular body, Mitchell interrupted his own career as a principal with New York City Ballet to start the Dance Theatre of Harlem, which opens its first London season at Sadler's Wells on Monday. He knows at first hand the difficulties of a theatre career if your face is the wrong colour, and knows also that they can be overcome.

"I did not start ballet until I was already 18. I was at the High School of Performing Arts in New York; I was a tap dancer and modern dancer. In our final year we were all expected to dance a little solo. Lincoln Kirstein saw me and offered me a scholarship to the School of American Ballet, the official school of New York City Ballet.

"Lincoln told me 'Because you are black, you will have to work a lot harder than anyone else simply to get into the corps de ballet, and I thought that's fine by me. I did not want to be a headline, you know, Black Dancer Breaks Barrier. I wanted people to accept me for what I was.'

"When we gave our first season at the Arts Theatre, we had what we called Arts Discovery Week with all the tickets at one dollar, and we invited senior citizens, schools, all sorts of groups. There were old people there who had never seen live theatre in their lives, with tears running down their faces because they did not know anything like this existed. And

three years later, Mitchell was a member of New York City Ballet; after another four he was a soloist, and the list of the leading roles he danced is impressively long. But five years ago he decided to start Dance Theatre. "I did not come from an affluent family, or middle class. I knew what it was like to go hungry, or for my mother to go without a pair of shoes so that I could go somewhere. And I had to go back to Harlem to give other people a chance."

Dance Theatre is a school as well as a company. "We are a community-oriented school. Anyone can come and study if they are willing to accept our standards. We have children and adults, even grandmothers. What I expect is that everyone does the best he is capable of. If someone can do five, I expect five from him. If he can do three, I want that, not just one or two. But quality is what we are after, not quantity."

"From the start, I made the students work on stage too, because I think that if you study 10 years, then suddenly start performing in front of an audience for the first time, that's a very difficult transition."

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one little boy would nudge another and say 'Sbit, man, did you see that?' maybe at something simple, just an extension, because he had never seen anything like it."

"We get even the hoods, you know, the tough kids off the street, coming to the school. They go to the music classes, not dance. We are lucky, we have teachers who are there because they want to teach, not just because they have to earn a living, and the kids sense this. Also we have a system of assistant teachers. One child can relate to and communicate with another and can explain how to do something in a way that makes it clear in a child's terms. The one who is teaching learns something in the process too."

"Also we teach sewing and tailoring. This gives the youngsters a trade, and we employ them too, to make all our own costumes. That means they can earn while they are studying. I have to be practical: a controlled maniac is what Clive Baroes called me."

"What inspires Mitchell is the thought that he is making a dancing career possible for people who would not otherwise have had the chance. "We have to show that it is possible for black dancers to be good at ballet. I do not want an all-black company, but until other companies start to employ them, why should I take a white dancer and put a black one out of work?"

"Imagine what it is like to be told there are things you cannot do because of your colour. There are people who

could be great dancers, and I do not mean just good. I mean of the calibre of Fonteyn Eltona, Tallchief, who were never allowed to start, because that was not the way things were. We have to open people's eyes."

"I believe that we are divinely guided in the sense that the time is right and that there is a power outside us that will help us as long as I don't go on an ego trip. And I do not need an ego trip; I have had a career, I have had success. That's why I do not dance with the company, and why it is not called Arthur Mitchell's Dance Theatre". I may dance again, but with other companies. For the time being, I am too busy teaching and directing."

"Also when I have time, I shall do some more choreography for the company. At present we have a repertoire of about 17 ballets, enough to make four complete programmes. We try to present a varied programme, so that there is something for everybody to enjoy, initiated or not, and to show the range of the dancers."

"I would not bring the company to London before, because I did not think they were ready. It is a very young company, many of them only started to learn dancing five years ago. We have a girl only just 15, and a boy who has been dancing only one year. But I think it is exciting to see something beginning to grow, and then watch how it develops."

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Jeu de Cartes

Stuttgart Ballet

Covent Garden

John Percival

Thursday's triple bill by the Stuttgart Ballet included the only work all season that is already familiar in London. Both of the Royal Ballet's companies have danced *Jeu de Cartes*, but it is interesting to see it performed by the company for which it was created, with some of the original cast still giving their roles a special authority.

Among those are Egon Madsen as the Joker and Birgit Keil as the Queen of Hearts. Both time the comic incidents perfectly; particularly amusing are Madsen's attempt to intervene in the already winning hand in the second deal, and Keil's despatching her for mercy when displaced by him from the first deal.

Bernd Berg and Jan Stripling among the flush of hearts are also from the original cast. With Reid Anderson, Vladimir Kloss and Jiri Kylian making up the hand, the solo are all danced with strength and wit. Their ensembles, too, have a swaggering cohesion.

The other Cranko work on this bill also prominently features the male dancers. Concerto for Flute and Harp is set for 10 men and only two women. The detailed beat of Mozart's music has evoked a small-scale choreographic patterning which is always apt and fluent but never notably arresting.

Quick, involuted entries for Judith Reyn and Heinz Claus

provide the most interesting passages and the best dancing. Presumably there were practical considerations for choosing this work rather than, say, *Katavase* or *Opus 1* for the London repertoire; with so much of Cranko's large output never shown here, the Concerto seems a trivial piece to have brought.

It suffers, too, by comparison with the other work on the programme, *Voluntaries*. This is the ballet where Tedley created for Poulenc's organ concerto. As I reported then, it is a memorial to Cranko in that it deploys many of his favoured steps in abstract patterns, blending a joyous display of exuberant virtuosity with episodes of intense solemnity.

Voluntaries also celebrates Cranko's achievements by displaying the strength of the company he built up. It is a work of brilliance and depth. So far as technique is concerned, it shows all the things these dancers do best: Richard Cragun's lithe springy power, Birgit Keil's speed and control, Marcia Haydée's unequalled expressiveness. In addition, the quick manoeuvres of the ensemble. But it makes them use these gifts in a different context with a changed emotional weight.

Thus challenged, the company dances with a vividness which had the house cheering. It is not only the principals, although all of them are on absolutely their top form, but the total effect that is so impressive. Happy the company that can respond so admirably to the entirely different stimulus of its late director and its director designate.

Handel

Albert Hall/Radio 3

Alan Blyth

Any composer who had written a work as great as Handel's *Dixit Dominus* would have been justified in laying down his pen for good and all. As Elgar did in another context, "This is the best of me". In fact, that magnificent choral setting, which dates from 1707, was only the first of Handel's many masterpieces, but nowhere else did he again quite catch its youthful daring, or repeat its spare, enterprising counterpoint.

The performance by John Eliot Gardiner and his Monteverdi Choir Orchestra (time he reformed his forces) owe that they so often and so successfully stray from their eponymous hero's music; it matched the work in clarity of purpose and brilliance of execution. In its two most resourceful choruses, "Juravit Dominus" and "Dominus a dextris tuis" the singing has just the less convincing and Philip Langridge sang Zadok's single aria with quiet authority. Again conducting and choral singing were distinguished.

Miss Palmer sang it in a husky half-voice, suggesting all the piece's serenity. Miss Lehane as the alto hero was less convincing and Philip Langridge sang Zadok's single aria with quiet authority. Again conducting and choral singing were distinguished.

Murder at the Vicarage

with Barbara Mullen

Murder at the Vicarage, by Agatha Christie, will spend next week at the Richmond Theatre in the course of its present tour. The cast is headed by Barbara Mullen as Miss Marple. Though she is well known to television audiences as Jaquet in *Dr Finlay's Casebook*, this will be Barbara Mullen's return to live theatre. She created the role of Miss Marple in the original production at the Playhouse, London, in 1949.

The director is Laurence Payne, who is himself a writer of detective stories, and the designer, Helen Wilkinson.

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Good Food Guide

Spanish with a touch of criollo and Indian genius

The cuisines of Latin America seem to vary according to the local Indian heritage. In Mexico, the food is unusual because the flame of the Indian genius there still burns brightly. But in countries where the conquistadores encountered few Indians, or managed to wipe them out, the cuisine is much more Spanish, though modified by the nature of local produce.

provincial, with a high beamed ceiling and brick arches—and is thronged with gringo tourists, anxiously urging the waiters to go easy on the garlic. Four or five of the chef makes no such concessions, and served up a deliciously ill-balanced meal of garlic, garlic and garlic.

Trujillo. After the latter's assassination in 1961, she stayed on and set up her own restaurant. But maybe the taste of rryants is fallible—certainly Lina's cooking is.

chicken, pork, beef, goat sausage, together with roots such as yam, yam and yuca, and pumpkin and plantain (a coarse banana), all seasoned with garlic and Tabasco. It was excellent yet, because it is a local peasant dish with low status, you will not see it on smart menus.

From Santo Domingo we flew to Caracas, a monstrous oil-rich Americanized nightmare, all skyscrapers and Cadillacs and huge neon signs. You might therefore expect American penetration of the catering scene to be even more thorough and blatant here than in Mexico City but, in fact, despite competition from what seems like 10,000 hot-dog stalls, real Venezuelan cooking holds its end up quite well. It is known as Criollo ('Creole'), that is, the cuisine that the first American children of Spanish immigrants created by marrying local expediency to Spanish tradition.

like many of the better Criollo restaurants, this one is large, crowded and informal, with rustic 'log-cabin' décor, brisk service and a brasserie-like atmosphere. A band plays local music in the evening.

Another good Criollo restaurant is La Estancia, in La Castellana district, a large smartish place built round a kind of tropical garden. Red snapper meunière was very good, also the beef grilled Argentine-style. Hot garlic bread and toasted orejón are served—the orejón, a small, round cornmeal bun, is the staple version of bread in Venezuela; like non or pitto, it is delicious when fresh and warm but rapidly gets stale.

to the average English mixed grill as, say, the finest Marsell, laise bouillabaisse to brown Windsor.

Opera

Great Wagner in the making

Tristan und Isolde Bayreuth

William Mann

The Wagner festivals in Bayreuth are going through a period of change. Wieland Wagner's productions are, sadly but necessarily, being dropped now that their author is no longer here to keep them alive and authentic. Wolfgang Wagner seems to be withdrawing gradually from production, bringing in producers from outside, though he is still very much the life and soul, as well as artistic director, of the festival. Eventually he will retire, and a Bayreuth Foundation is already being set up to keep an eye on whoever succeeds him, as well as care for finances and the upkeep of the Festspielhaus and the Wagner family residences.

on the sick list, her official understudy not yet ready, so that Ursula Schröder-Feinen (Mr Everding's Isolde in Hamburg) had been borrowed from Munich where she was rehearsing for Die Frau ohne Schatten. In the event Miss Ligendza craved our indulgence and took the stage, acting the part more girlishly than in London last year, and singing lightly yet expressively with a clarity of sound that recalled records of Wagner sopranos at the beginning of the century, before heavy vibrato became fashionable. Towards the end of the second act her voice seemed to tire but "So bange Tage" and the Liebestod were icily projected and gave good omens for Walküre in September at the Royal Opera House.

moments for climaxes: the summit of the first pralude was intense but not ear-shattering because the music must (and did) sound even more tremendous when Tristan and Isolde drink the cup of atonement, the draught of death which is really the draught of eternal love. Then Mr Kleiber and the superb orchestra, and the unique Bayreuth acoustic, thundered forth and we were all duly shattered.

We were warned to advance that the Isolde, Caterina Ligendza (shortly to be Covent Garden's new Brinnhilde), was

Mr Kleiber's dramatis was nobly and dramatically shaped, by the clock quite fast but impassioned, full of detail and ideal in pace for the action. He does not mistake juicy



Caterina Ligendza and Yvonne Minton.

the opening of the second act; it is more human than the princess Isolde. Thereafter Mr Everding's production does not altogether live up to its settings. Helge Brilioth's Tristan is stiff and slow and uneloquent, even in the hysteria of the third act when he seemed to be nursing his voice too. Donald McIntyre

sang Kurwenal grandly but made a too modest go at the tough old ringer, Kurt Moll lavished rich, warm, dark bass tone on King Mark's monologues, but did not bring them to the vivid urgency that is their due. The physical effect of the love potion is powerfully conveyed: Tristan and Isolde have

to be kept apart by force. Much else in the production is as yet unfulfilled, especially the characterization of main roles. In a couple of years, given some recasting, more intensive work by Everding, and the return of Carlos Kleiber (in any case a must), this should become a great Bayreuth production.

Food

The freshness of mint

Mint is a herb that is common to most gardens. Once it becomes established—usually in some damp, shaded corner—it will provide a constant supply of one of summer's most refreshing herbs. There are different kinds of mint but your garden is most likely to boast a clump of the common garden or spearmint. Use it to flavour your recipes.

1 pint distilled malt vinegar
6 oz granulated sugar
1 oz flour
1 pint chicken stock
2-3 tablespoons single cream
Freshly chopped mint for serving

cream. The mixture tends to be rather pale, but one drop of green food colouring added to the mixture brings up the colour nicely.

Gardening A strawberry year



Grandeé—heavy-cropping strawberry.

As I expected, several readers have written to say that they have had very good and heavy crops from their Grandeé strawberries in the second and third year. As I have said before, I cannot say that I have seen any strawberries as an annual crop.

each year, is most attractive. Naturally one would plant shrubs under or just in front of the row of limes to screen the view beneath the lowest branches. There is a surprising number of shrubs that will thrive in heavy shade—and the shade from pleached limes would not be all that heavy.

I sampled another of Ken Muir's introductions the other day—Domanil. This is also a large strawberry, coming in after Grandeé, and it should appeal to those who prefer the flavour of Royal Sovereign which is more acid and sharper than Grandeé but needs a lot more sugar.

Jobs for August
● Trim hedges. Do not use shears on broad leaved laurels—prune them with secateurs. If a leaf is cut the bottom half will wither.

Always cut with as short a stem as you need, and cut to just above a plump bud or, perhaps easier to recognize, cut back to just above a compound leaf consisting of five leaflets.

● If not already done, line out young plants of wallflowers, cheiranthus, myosotis and sweet williams in a nursery bed—put the plants six inches apart in rows of four.

By some strange coincidence several people have brought me the same problem: some body has created a building next to their property which they dislike intensely and wish to hide as soon as possible. I suggest a quick-growing leylandii with plenty of water and fertilizer, you can have up to six or seven feet in three or four years, depending on the soil and situation.

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Travel

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The warm Indian Ocean laps against an off-shore islet at Mahé, largest of the Seychelles Islands. No one knows how many islands there are

There are 89 islands in the Seychelles. Or are there 92? Or 100? I don't know. Neither, apparently, does anyone else.

The road to Gregoire's Lodge where I lunched off curry under the cakamaka trees with a girl from Gloucestershire who had been there 18 months to get her "sense of values sorted out"...

ineffective; and it is extremely difficult to order a hamburger — although a notice in Victoria's school meal centre which reads...

There is a touch of Muhammad Ali about him. Mr Manchain also writes poems, one of which included the lines: By the sea—in the car—on the bed.

Michael Watkins

Chess

Preparation must leave nothing to chance

There is really no distinction between the professional and the amateur in chess. Both play all the more cheerfully if some prize money is involved in the event...

King's Indian. By this time, however, I had improved on my line so much that he lost miserably after 23 moves. Gligoric's spontaneous comment on being shown the game, was "What a puzzle!"

Appointments Vacant also on page 14

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George Hutchinson

Familiar faces that will be missed in the Commons

There might not be a general election in the autumn after all, if Mr Wilson became convinced during the next few weeks that the Labour left had robbed him of any prospect of success by its provocation, not to say alienation, of moderate opinion. In that event, he could be expected to carry on until the spring.

The remarkable literary legacy of the First World War

Death was the inspiration for the poets of the trenches

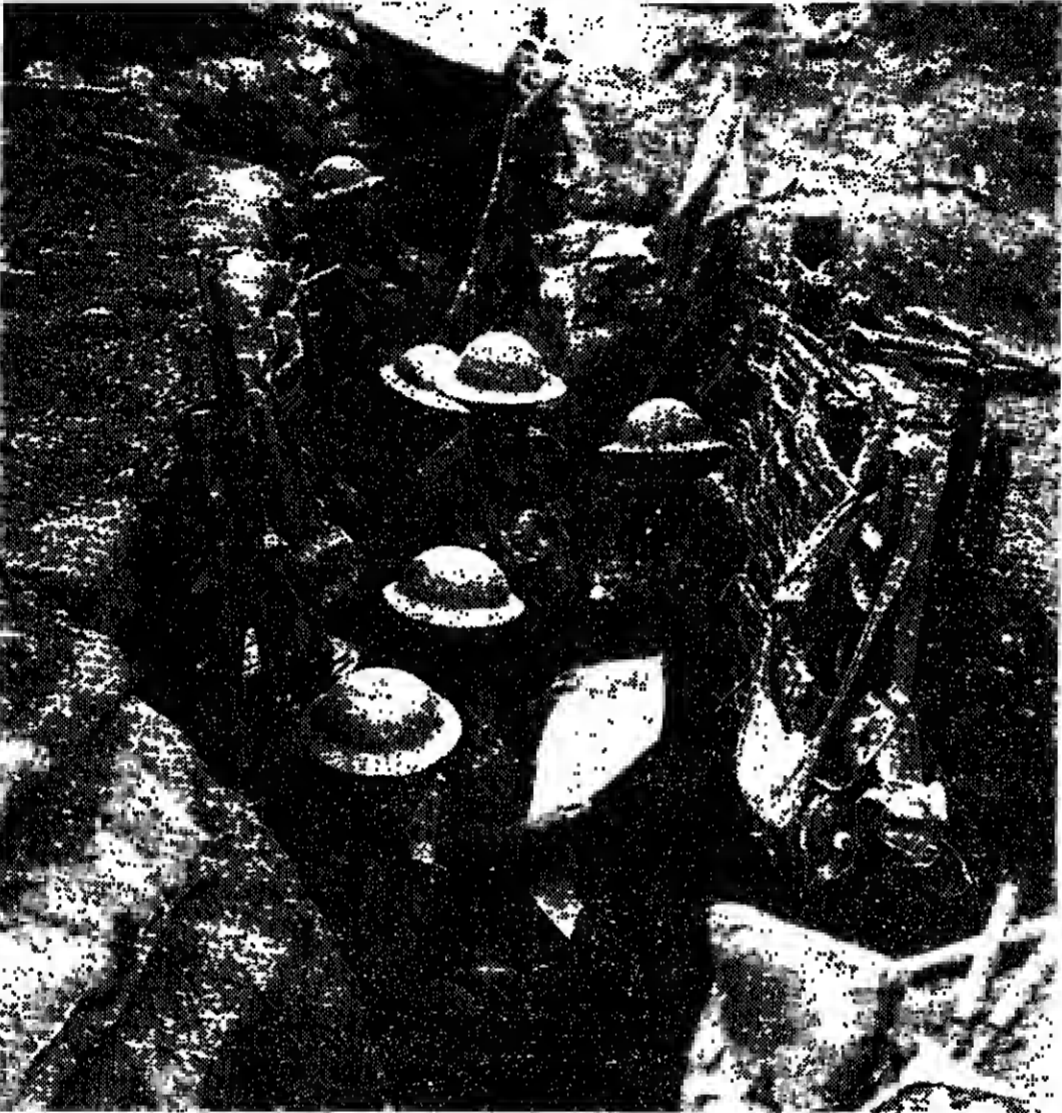
Tomorrow is the sixtieth anniversary of the outbreak of World War I. The next four years were, in terms of human life, the most expensive in recorded history. To an extent which has never been paralleled the young men on both sides were despatched to the slaughter.

I cannot recall the authorship of the following lines (it may have been Gibson): "We ate our breakfast lying on our backs. Because the shells were screaming overhead. I bet a shilling to a loaf of bread."

The Welsh National Eisteddfod

Bards prepare to go into battle

In some parts of the world you may know a man's prowess by the number of his cattle, camels, wives or feathers in his bonnet. In Wales it is caps and chairs.



June 11, 1917: A British communications trench in Ploegsteert Wood at the Battle of Messines

And if I'd married Fritz I'd like to know where I'd be now. 'E's stuck inside a wire fence just like a chicken or a cow. They've smashed 'is 'appy 'omestead from the bottom to the top.

Dingle Foot

The Bishop of Bristol on the World Council of Churches

Ideals of an ecumenical adventure

One who has been associated with the World Council of Churches since it was only "in process of formation" (as our letter heading used to say between 1945 and 1948) may well be grateful for as discerning a piece of reporting as Clifford Longley's article of July 27.

It is the seed-bed of "Black Theology" and all the passionate search for a Christ who is not a disguised Colonialist. The trouble is that N-S has got mixed up with E-W.

Oliver Bristol

Sportsview

A golf millionairess in the making



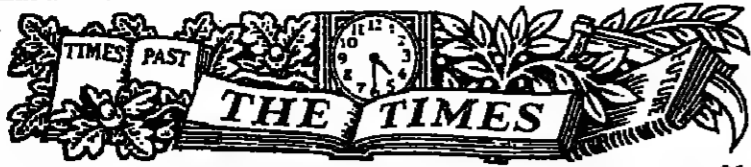
Laura Baugh: Single minded concentration.

She has not won a tournament in the United States since turning professional in 1973. She lies fourth in the American order of merit. In the Colgate European championship at Sunningdale next week, Ladbroke has quoted her as having no better than a 14 to 1 chance.

promote the sale of clocks, salad oils, and calendars. At the massive Colgate's Wimmer Circle tournament in the Californian desert last spring Japanese journalists divided their time between her and their own country woman, Chaka Matsui.

Peter Kyle

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PARLIAMENT MUST DECIDE

Britain's present troubles are nowhere better illustrated than in our approach to membership of the European Community. Though we have been in the Community now for a year and a half, those opposed to membership have managed to keep the issue open. They have changed their ground, from the original argument which turned on the "terms" of entry, to concentrate on holding a referendum. That is now seen as the decisive test, regardless of the consequences.

The result, as with so much of our economic policy, is that our approach to the Community has been bedevilled by doubt and inconsistency. In the ensuing uncertainty, industry has lacked the confidence to lay firm plans, to take full advantage of the new European market. Moreover, it is not only Britain who suffers; our partners, understandably frustrated, have lost confidence in us in the process, too.

Granted, the idea of a referendum has always had a spurious attraction. Why shouldn't the people decide? Mr Wilson's answer in the 1970 election campaign, when official Labour policy was firmly against it, was that a referendum would raise a whole series of questions going back 200 years in what Parliament is about. Parliament, he maintained, was elected to use its judgment, knowing what the country as a whole needed to have done. If that argument was right then, it seems even stronger today, when the fissiparous forces in our society have grown so variously and alarmingly.

No, the reason why in this coming election the referendum issue is likely to loom so large is one of political opportunism. In opposition, against the previous wishes of the party leadership, Mr Benn succeeded in getting the issue voted through in committee; and from there, given the many no doubt genuine differences of opinion within the party on Europe, it was but a short step to elevate the referendum to a point of principle: the one device which could bind the party together. If at the same time it embarrassed the Conservatives, implying that their

opposition was somehow undemocratic, so much the better.

The fact remains that virtually all those who have come into contact with the European Community are in favour of Britain staying in. For a start, all Commonwealth countries are broadly in favour. They see far greater advantages for themselves in Britain being a member of the largest market in the world, with a chance of influencing its development to be more "outward looking" than in trying to resurrect a trading relationship which was already crumbling. Any British Ministers who may have entertained the notion of some new, purely Commonwealth link, have received not the slightest encouragement.

As for the United States, it rapidly made it clear to incoming Government that Britain's value as an ally lay precisely in our European connexion. An offshore island, though it would have its sentimental side, would be something else entirely. Mr Callaghan's achievement, as Foreign Secretary, has been indeed to recognize the force of both American and European spheres of influence, and to seek to bring the two sides together. Under his adroit diplomacy, relations between Britain and the United States have thrived; and insofar as the conduct of negotiations in Brussels is concerned, he has reassured our partners of his good intentions.

It is fair to note, in this context, how Mr Callaghan's own view on Europe has been changed by the experience of office. When he became Foreign Secretary, his attitude was widely described as sceptical, and his first approach to the Community sounded rather like a declaration of war. But Mr Callaghan found, as others have in the past, that the supposed monolithic monster of Brussels was, in reality, quite polite and accommodating, and that very many of Labour's fears, as expressed in the party's election manifesto, were either unreal or unjustified. He may still be, at heart, a sceptic, but it is largely due to his sensible and constructive approach that the other members of the Community, too, would prefer Britain

to remain a member, despite all our haveling.

One fact of life today arising from our parlous economic state, is that while it is not at all a promising prospect for Britain to go it alone, the Community could very well withstand a British withdrawal, however regrettable. It is a general view, among those who would have to bear the consequences of our coming out, that it would be a disastrous policy. Not only would it weaken all our international relations but we could not, on the economic front, expect especially favourable treatment. A country as dependent on trade as Britain is not in the same position as Norway.

Much is sometimes made of a policy of buying "cheap" food. Alas, there is no possible bargain to be done to restore our privileged position in that respect. The balance of supply and demand in the world has changed so radically, witness the spiralling of commodity prices, that there is no going back to the 1930s, or even the 1960s. To pretend otherwise is mere wishful thinking. It is true that world prices have at last fallen back a little; there might, from time to time, be the chance of making a quick deal; but to base our industrial policy on such fleeting opportunities would be nonsense, particularly since so far as can be foreseen from this point, the pound will be liable to weaken.

Neither in this nor any preceding Parliament has there been a majority against membership of the Community. It may well be that there is no majority in the next Parliament against it. The design to hold a referendum represents, in practice, an attempt to abort the parliamentary system. Since the objections to British membership of the Community of people like Mr Michael Foot are that it threatens the sovereignty of Parliament, insistence on a referendum is contradictory, defeating the very purpose they are seeking to achieve. It would, surely, invite government by referendum. If to the end, a consultative referendum is held on the European issue, Parliament must still have final responsibility to decide the issue.

MOVING WHITEHALL OUT OF LONDON

Only three civil servants out of ten still work in London. After two major programmes of dispersal in a service that was never very centralized, the number remaining in the capital begins to approach the irreducible minimum of those doing local work and those whose presence at the centre of affairs really cannot be dispensed with. The Hardman report last year managed to find 31,000 jobs that might be moved, but made it clear that even in some of these cases the arguments against dispersal were very strong, and were only to be overcome, if at all, by exercise of the greatest care in finding the right place for the right category of staff.

The proposals announced by Mr Short this week did not show much sign of such care, either in the way they were introduced or in their content. The Hardman report laid great stress on the importance of discussing plans fully with the staff concerned at every stage. Although there were consultations on the report itself, it is clear that the service was given no adequate idea of the way the Government's mind was moving, so that the public announcement was an unwelcome surprise. For although Mr Short proposed to shift the same number of workers as Sir Henry Hardman, he has decided to shift them a good deal farther, and with less apparent regard to the interests of efficiency.

The morale of the service is in a bad enough way at the moment. In the last few years it has been subjected to unusual stresses. The quantity of wasted work caused by reversals of official policy has never been so great. The pressures of inflation have impelled many civil servants to resort to industrial action for the first time. Successive calls for public economy have had their effect on conditions of service. At such a time it is more than ever important to ensure that changes involving families being uprooted from home and friends should be broached with full consultation. The programme is a ten-year one, which offers ample time for discussion. Over such a period it should be possible to ensure that the workers who move do so voluntarily. There are some in the Ministry of Defence for whom mobility is a condition of their contracts, but in most cases it should be quite possible to find a satisfactory solution even for them.

The announcement made the Government appear in the role of an inconsiderate employer, but what is more to the point for the rest of us, it also made it appear less concerned with efficiency than with making a short-term political effect. The motive of bringing jobs to depressed areas has been given altogether too much weight. The workers left in London by previous campaigns

for dispersal tend to be headquarters staff who need to be in relatively close touch with one another and with Westminster. Hardman set them mainly in towns within easy reach of London, in carefully calculated batches. Where outposts in the provinces already existed, like those of the Ministry of Defence in the South-west, he preferred to steer the new emigrants in the same direction.

Under the new proposals nearly nine tenths of the jobs go to assisted areas. Some 6,000 of the Ministry of Defence's staff will be sent to Glasgow. Of course, there is something to be said for providing more, and more varied, jobs in regions of high unemployment. It is sure to be popular in the areas concerned. But in practice the effect of all those new jobs, half of them already filled by outsiders, will be slight in each area. The effects on the efficiency of the ministries themselves are likely to be very much more apparent.

The decision over the Ministry of Defence is probably as misconceived as the last Government's decision which Mr Short has not reversed—to banish the Companies Registration Office to Cardiff. In matters of this kind, the effective administration of Britain as a whole must take precedence over the interests of any part of it, and over the catching of votes.

National Front and Ulster

From Mr John Tyndall
Sir, In your report of July 29 by Robert Black you state that the National Front has had a connexion with Protestant "private armies" in Ulster "longer than most people imagine". This is in fact untrue. We have no association on an official level with any such organisations but have only met certain members of theirs on an unofficial and informal level to discuss the Ulster situation. It is this means "having connexions", then by the same token we have connexions with the Labour Party and Conservative Party because our members have met and spoken to their members at some time in the past. I don't think your paper would try to suggest any such connexion.

I am not in a position to be able to comment on the methods of specific groups but I can say that the National Front is resolutely opposed to all terrorist activities in Ulster, whether they be by republicans against Loyalists or vice-versa. I am quite willing to admit, however, that we have sympathy for those Loyalists who have organized their own means of self-defence against terrorism in the event of the refusal of successive Westminster governments to employ official security forces in a manner that ensures the adequate protection of the Loyalist community.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN TYNDALL, Chairman,
National Front,
50 Pawsdown Road,
Croydon, Surrey,
July 30.

me by the usual Post Office channels and I will then be in a position to proceed.—Yours faithfully, Chief Executive.
Yours, etc,
F. STUNT,
Stunt & Son,
130 Wood Street,
Chesham, EC2,
July 26.

Schism on Mount Athos

From Canon A. M. Allchin
Sir, Your correspondent, the Rev Seraphim Newman-Norton writes (July 26) of the dangers of schism existing at the present on Mount Athos. That tensions and differences exist on the Holy Mountain no one could deny. But what is much more impressive at the present time is the fact that the long continued decline in the number of monks there has come to an end.

In the past five or six years increasing numbers of young men, some of them highly educated and of real ability, have been entering the monastic life. Already the communities in three of the ruling monasteries, Stavronikita, Plotheos and Simoneos, have been almost wholly renewed. In the central administration at Karyes one feels a breath of new life. The Athosite communities are revealing powers of renewal, which very few Western observers anticipated. In the long run it is these developments, rather than the much publicised troubles at Esphigmenou, which are likely to shape the future of the monastic republic.
Yours etc,
A. M. ALLCHIN,
12 The Priests,
Canterbury.

The structure of Essex University

From Professor Mary Douglas
Sir, Your leading article on the University of Essex (July 31) does less than justice to the Annan Report in drawing most attention to the need for political skills on the part of individuals. The report has also some important things to say about institutional weaknesses. These I believe to derive from a mistaken social theory.

Dr Sloman, the Vice-Chancellor, was himself in his Reith lectures in the 1960s a distinguished exponent of that view of society which is still fashionable in educational circles and still gathering force in other quarters. It supposes that people can best work together when hampered by the minimum of institutional rules, separated by no formal distinctions, but only inspired by their common aim to a common aim.

Such a theory might do well for disembodied spirits. But humans need their identity made visible and their responsibilities defined. Boundaries and rules enable identities to be established. When they are ambiguous, those caught in ill-defined institutions invariably resort to blame-pinning among themselves. I have argued this at length with many tribal and modern examples in *Purity and Danger and Natural Symbols*.

The Annan Report is the case-history of the failure of a social theory. It records the new students' sense of hmelessness in the broad-based first-year course common to them all: it notes the deliberately weak spatial symbolism (no junior common room, no senior common room, no territorial identity for the teaching departments), and it notes the ambiguous allocation of responsibility. Not the Vice-Chancellor's lack of political skills but the institution's lack of structure is to blame for the place deserted at weekends, the lack of student societies, the difficulty of making friends except at student demos, the inaccessibility of staff and their low regard for simple teaching.

In such unstructured societies we invariably find forms of witch-hunting or the tendency to attribute personal blame and accept no responsibility, which Lord Annan notes. To take the lesson home we should stop requiring of our colleagues impossible political skills and blaming them when they cannot produce them. The destruction of good will and of good reputations is as damaging as the destruction of physical property and both are ultimately caused by ill-defined institutions.
Yours, etc,
MARY DOUGLAS,
United Oxford and Cambridge University Club,
77 Pall Mall, SW1,
August 2.

Dartmoor's clay pits

From Mr Keith H. Sach
Sir, I recently spent one week in Devon and Cornwall with the Mining Industry Manpower and Careers Unit and visited both of the sites to which Lady Sayer makes reference in her letter to you today (July 25). Her impassioned plea for the preservation of a site of archaeological significance has my support. But the mining of china clay in Devon benefits the southwest peninsula in a substantial way, this cannot be lightly dismissed by reference to the mining companies' profits and to the balance of payments problem.

The village of Lee Moor with the village of Wotter would not be thriving units of life were the 800-plus employees of the English China Clays Group in Devon made redundant. In so area of the country renowned for the threat of depopulation, any attempt to reduce an industry employing so many people would be a disaster. In the 1830s must be seen not only in the light of the conservation lobby but also in terms of local and national economic repercussions.

Present china clay production in Devon and Cornwall is 2½ million tons per year and 75 per cent of this is exported. The expansion of the industry in recent years has brought the English Clays Lovering Pocher & Co. Company the Queen's Award to Industry in 1966, 1969

Patient and doctor relationship

From Dr Victor Freeman
Sir, The questions raised by Professor Allen (July 29) and the dilemma in which he and his family have been placed, require explanations which, it is to be hoped, will be both forthcoming and reassuring.

If the facts are as set out by Professor Allen, it is difficult to understand why the request for removal from his practitioner's list should have been linked with similar requests in respect of his wife and two children. It would also be desirable to have further information as to the authority of a doctor to remove patients' names from the practice list of the whole group, except of course with their concurrence. Professor Allen made no mention of any request to be placed on the lists of the other doctors of the group.

Modern medicine requires team work and group practices and practitioners at health centres provide many patient advantages, but the fact has to be faced that groups may come to occupy a monopoly or near monopoly position, and patients have no freedom of choice outside the group covering the locality. It would be wrong to attempt to turn the clock back against the team conception, but there should be a more satisfactory answer to the kind of dilemma experienced by Professor Allen, which must also have been experienced by many others. An unwilling doctor is not the best for the patient, but within a reasonable group or health centre area, there must be an obligation to provide treatment as necessary without delay from one or other members of the team.

Professor Allen also refers to the absence in general practice of criteria of relative competence and no further tests after qualification. In January, 1974, medical audit became the law of the land in the United States, although at present applicable only to patients whose medical costs are paid for by the government under Medicaid or Medicare schemes. Doctors must identify deficits in patient care, criticize their peers, and hold them accountable for variation from standards. If it is shown to work probably most other American insurance schemes will adopt it.

In the United States medical audit is now well established as a formal activity of the medical staff in several hundred hospitals. Whilst conditions in this country differ considerably from those in the United States and medical audit in family practice presents more complications than in hospitals, we should at least consider organizing pilot studies in both. It is necessary to evaluate the quality of medical care and, if possible, to improve standards falling below accepted levels.

Finally, Professor Allen refers to the non-provision of opportunities for patients to raise questions. Perhaps a limited opinion has now been provided through the setting up of Community Health Councils of State, Department of Health and Social Security, is currently making encouraging democratic noises, which Professor Allen might think should be amplified somewhat.
Yours faithfully,
VICTOR FREEMAN,
Birkwood,
Coker Lane,
Culchote, St Giles,
Buckinghamshire,
August 1.

From Dr A. H. Luscombe
Sir, It is always unfortunate when any human relationship breaks down, more so when it is a medical one. But obviously as a patient can't choose a doctor, so a doctor can't choose a patient. One cannot be a captive clientele be we grocers or solicitors, freedom of choice for any commodity or service is a tenet of our way of life. There will always be some who are not suited as to social and personality.

No general practitioner or consultant considers that he is infallible, whenever a patient wishes for a second opinion it is rarely, if ever, discouraged. Often the general practitioner himself will initiate even a second specialist opinion. Remember a general practitioner has to live with his failures as well as his successes, no monitor is more critical than the local community. There has never been a shortage of students wishing to become doctors. To be accepted into a medical college requires high grades at "A" level. Also a Headmaster's report and a successful interview

Legitimacy for Greece

From Professor Leonard Schapiro
Sir, I have been prompted by the correspondence in your columns on the new régime in Greece, and especially by a letter of July 26 from my colleague, Nicolaos Devleghou, to reflect on the insecurity of Mr Karamanlis's position. He has accepted power from a usurping and self-appointed régime and can therefore claim no greater legitimacy than can that régime. This makes him very vulnerable to attack from future would-be usurpers, whether of the right or of the left.

In this respect, Mr Karamanlis's position recalls that of the Russian Provisional Government of 1917. Its lack of legitimacy (it was in reality self appointed) was a powerful contributing factor both to the speed and to the ease with which its influence was eroded by the elected Petrograd Soviet, and by the even more astonishing ease with which the Bolsheviks were able to sweep the government aside in November, 1917.

Two members of the Provisional Government had indeed foreseen this danger and tried, in vain, after the abdication of Nicholas II for himself and for his son, to persuade the Grand Duke Michael to carry on the dynastic continuity which alone should have given the Provisional Government the legitimacy which it lacked. Whether the radical majority in that government would have accepted the continuation of the monarchy is of course very questionable.

I am not competent to judge how far the immediate return of King Constantine to Greece is either a practical or a political possibility. But there can be no doubt at all that it would enormously strengthen Mr Karamanlis's position. If more people in Greece who support Mr Karamanlis were to realize the importance of legitimacy for every government (which I am astonished to see Professor Dagioglou dismissed today as a "basty purism"), this itself might make some of the difficulties which stand in the way of the return of King Constantine less insuperable.
Yours faithfully,
LEONARD SCHAPIRO,
London School of Economics,
Houghton Street, WC2,
July 31.

cheerfully to organize accommodation, food, and transport for thousands of people.
(4) The RAF in Cyprus and at Lynebank, for their efficiency, kindness, and understanding, under extreme pressure.
In addition, I should like to thank those members of the international press, radio and television, who were also in the hotel at the time of the fighting, and who kept those of us who were sheltering in the cellars informed as best they could of the current situation. By their calmness and professionalism in a dangerous and tense situation, they helped to keep our morale and spirits at a reasonable level.
Yours faithfully,
SHEILA HAMPSON,
Duhlin 4,
Ireland,
July 26.
* We have received many similar letters of appreciation.

Evacuated from Cyprus

From Miss Sheila Hampson
Sir, As one of a group of tourists who spent the weekend of July 17 to 20 in the Ledra Palace Hotel, Nicosia, I should like, through your columns, to express my deep gratitude and appreciation to all the people involved in arranging and carrying out the evacuation of those of us who were stranded in the hotel during the heavy fighting.
In particular, I wish to mention:
(1) The Canadian UN contingent, who worked ceaselessly to arrange a ceasefire in the area, and risked their lives in an effort to get the opposing sides to observe it.
(2) The officers and men involved in the British Army convoy who so efficiently and courageously organized our "rescue" from the hotel.
(3) The military and civilian staff of the British bases at Dhekelia and Akroiti, who worked so hard and

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Yours faithfully,
JOHN CONSTABLE,
149 Sherwood Road,
Hall Green,
Birmingham 28,
July 25.

The Shah's loan

From Professor V. Vale
Sir, We all look forward, as election time draws near, to a democracy, to some little judicious reflation of the economy by incumbent politicians. But this is surely the first time a Western party has floated its campaign fund on a loan from the Shah of Persia?
Yours, etc,
VIVIAN VALE,
Cornell University,
Department of Government,
McGraw Hall,
Ithaca, New York 14850,
July 23.

Television and crime

From Mr David Holbrook
Sir, The letter from Mr Denis Forman, Chairman of Granada Television (July 29), about the falling figures for certain crimes, declaring that no one has attributed this fall to the effects of television, is intended to ridicule those who believe that television has an educational effect.
It may be true that some people tend to blame television for too much. It must, however, be pointed out that there have been surveys which show a definite connexion between screen violence and sex, and behaviour in life. The Report of the Surgeon General in the United States in 1970 showed a "modest" connexion between screen violence and acts of violence in society, for example.
Mr Forman does not point to two significant figures for 1973: a rise of 19.20 per cent in crimes of violence against the person (moving quite contrary to the trends he indicates) and a rise of 11.32 per cent in sexual offences. Rape, it is perhaps worth mentioning, continues to rise, and has increased in every country in which pornography and sexual explicitness has been "freed".
Here, I believe, speaking in terms of the meaning of symbols, television and cinema have done much to encourage the indulgence in exploiting others, by their encouragement of visual rape, thus affecting a minority seriously. In his book *Psychology is About*, Professor E. J. Eyseck says that "Laboratory evidence shows quite clearly that even quite short pieces of film modelling certain

types of behaviour have a very pronounced effect on the actual behaviour of children and adults" (page 22).

Yours etc,
DAVID HOLBROOK,
New Farm House,
Madingley, Cambridge,
July 29.

Tastes of a squirrel
From Sir Eric de Normann
Sir, On this heavily wooded estate, the grey squirrel has long been a real pest. Periodically he nests in my house in inaccessible parts of the roof. I suspect him of filching the garden labels.

The bird-table is nearly always bare as he knows to a minute the time of supply and is invariably there first. Bitten and rejected green fruit shows how interested he is in its maturity. And yesterday I saw something I have never seen before though the Forestry Commission Leaflet No 31 mentions it.
A young squirrel had collected a large trout and sitting on my garden gate and holding the stalk in his paws, he munched the cap with gusto. I am not well up in the species but it resembled an illustration in my mushroom book of *Russula adusta* described as edible.

I could do a deal with this squirrel. If he leaves my Comice pears alone, he can have all my trout.
I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
ERIC DE NORMANN,
Aylesham,
Old Avenue,
St George's Hill,
Weybridge, Surrey,

Doctors would not mind their judgment being questioned provided they were given the time to think with the patient. Reduce unnecessary demand or else import more doctors (and pay for them). This would be the answer to Professor Allen's difficulties.
Yours sincerely,
A. H. LUSCOMBE,
Kenmore, 62 Alderley Road,
Wilmslow, Cheshire,
July 29.

My wife after considerable back-pain was referred (at her request) to a specialist in the treatment of rheumatism. After a brief examination she was asked her age, and replied with her response that she received this comment: "At your age you can expect these pains. You must learn to live with them." When quite naturally and with some knowledge of her condition she protested she was told she could have treatment as an out-patient at the local hospital from a physiotherapist.

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What is frightening about the whole medical situation both public and private is the intellectual and financial dishonesty which is revealed on levels where professional inadequacies cannot be corrected.
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WILLIAM HODGKINS,
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From Dr William Hodgkins
Sir, In the discussions about the National Health Service, too little critical attention has been given to the patient-doctor relationship. The essence of this relationship in general practice is diagnostic rather than prescriptive. Pharmacists are critical of the prescriptive ability of the general practitioner and more especially of the training given in pharmacology but the seriousness of this is heightened by the poor methods of diagnosis and the brevity of interviews with sick people. Diagnostic aids seem to be limited to a stethoscope, blood-pressure gauge and a foot-plate torch.

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Fortcoming marriages

Admiral Sir Alan Scott-Moncrieff and Mrs W. Tides. A marriage has been arranged and will take place shortly between Admiral Sir Alan Scott-Moncrieff and Mrs Winifred Tides, both of Henley-on-Thames.

Mr W. W. Anderson and Miss S. Jackson. The engagement is announced between William Wallace, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. C. Anderson, of Firs Cottage, Haslemere, High Wycombe, Bucks, and Mrs Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. G. Jackson, of Flint House, Sropshire, Ardeburgh, Norfolk.

Mr N. D. Gower-Johnson and Miss J. W. V. Lloyd-Phillips. The engagement is announced between Nicholas Gower-Johnson, of Kenilworth, Warwickshire, and Jacqueline, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Lloyd-Phillips, of Whitchurch-on-Thames, Pangbourne, Berkshire.

Mr P. R. Lockwood and Miss W. McDougall. The engagement is announced between Peter Lockwood, only son of Mr and Mrs A. C. Lockwood, of Toppasham, Devon, and Wendy, only daughter of Mrs McDougall, of Teignmouth.

Mr A. Mould-Graham and Miss S. Jackson. The engagement is announced between Andrew Mould-Graham, of the Manor House, Alton, Hampshire, Dorset, and Pamela, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Jackson, of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Mr M. de L. Wilson and Mrs M. W. Buchanan. The marriage arranged between Michael Wilson, of Blandford Forum, Dorset, and Malise Buchanan, of Sydney, Australia, will take place in Sydney on Saturday, August 10, 1974.

Stage awards

The Duke of Edinburgh made the presentation at the third annual distribution of Ellen Terry theatre awards for outstanding performances on the British stage, which took place at the Savoy Hotel, London, yesterday.

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Latest wills

Bridge captain leaves £11,766 Mr Henry St John Ingram, of Farnborough, Kent, printer and journalist, died on July 28, 1974, aged 71. He left his estate in pre-war championships, left £11,766 net (no duty shown).

Today's engagements The Duke of Edinburgh, as patron of the Training Association, presents the prizes for the 1974 Tall Ships Race, Southampton, 11-40; later as president of the International Yacht Club, visits the Welsh International Show Jumping Championships, Cardiff, 2-30.

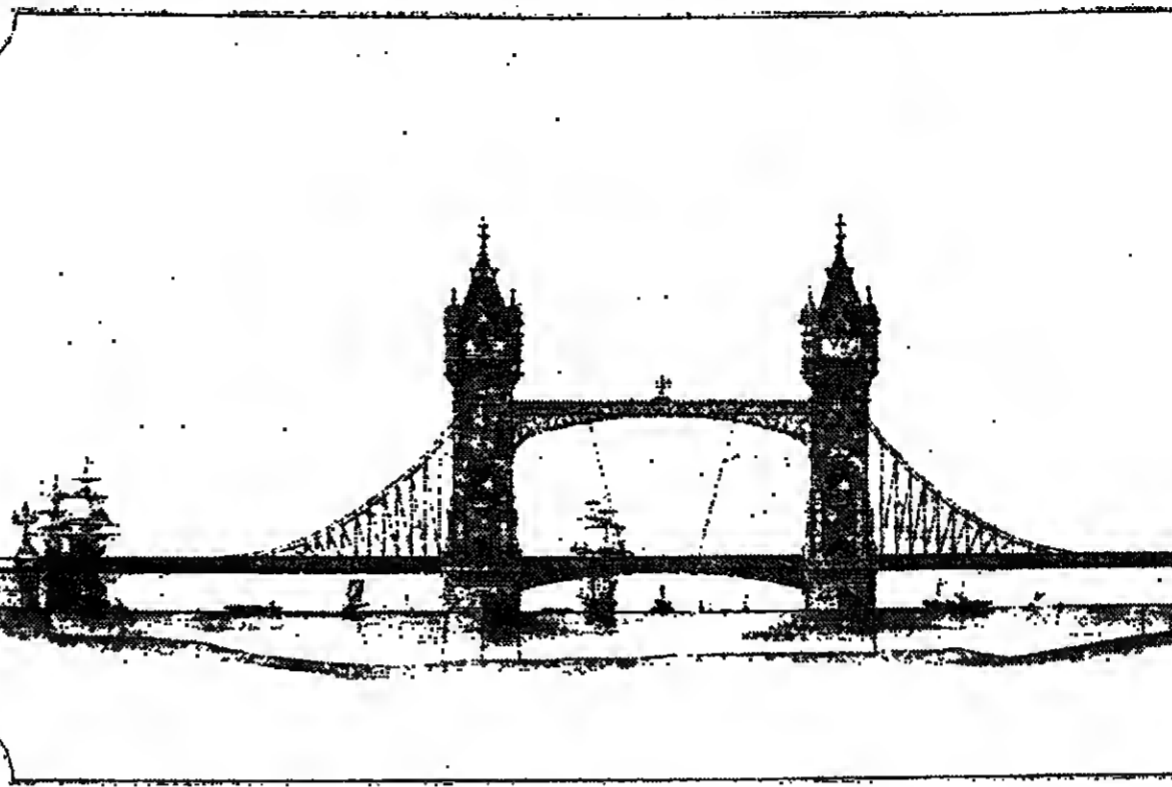
Tomorrow The Queen attends a memorial service of remembrance and thanksgiving, in connexion with the diamond jubilee of the Old Comtemplables: The Royal Garrison Church of All Saints, Aldershot, 2-55.

Service dinner

The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment The officers' club of The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment held a dinner yesterday evening at the Royal Star Hotel, Maidstone, to mark the centenary of the connection between the borough of Maidstone and the regiment.

The way of prayer to a spiritual conflict

By Kenneth Leech Chaplain of St Augustine's College, Canterbury An essential element in most writers on the spiritual path, whether Christian or not, is that of struggle. The way of prayer is dangerous. God is a consuming fire, and to open oneself to God is to open oneself also to spiritual forces which can be destructive.



Tower Bridge drawings: Dozens of early drawings connected with the building of Tower Bridge, some of them hitherto unknown and unpublished, lay unnoticed in the cellar of the home of Mr Daniel Griffiths, of Wood Green, North London (a Staff Reporter writes).

Science report

Comets: Source of energy for outbursts

Comets often flare into prominence while still much farther from the Sun than the Earth. Although not all comets undergo such outbursts (as the fate of Comet Kohoutek showed) their origin has been something of a puzzle. In particular, astronomers have found it difficult to explain where the energy needed comes from.

Archaeology report

Poundbury: 200 more burials excavated in Roman Christian cemetery

With the excavation of a further 200 burials in the late Roman Christian cemetery at Poundbury, Dorset, this site has become one of the largest cemeteries of the period yet scientifically excavated in north-west Europe.

£500 Premium Bond winners

Table listing £500 Premium Bond winners for August. Columns include winning numbers and names of winners.

University news

Oxford The following have been invited by All Souls College as visiting fellows for 1974-75: Professor C. A. J. Coulter, University of Cambridge; Professor A. D. Eckhoff, York University; Professor G. E. R. Owen, University of Oxford; Professor J. R. Searcy, University of Toronto; Professor J. W. Ward, University of Cambridge.

Bath Appointments

LECTURERS: Andrea E. Charman, BA, University of Bath; Peter J. H. Jones, BA, University of Bath; John A. J. Kitchen, BA, University of Bath; John A. J. Kitchen, BA, University of Bath.

OBITUARY

MR CYRIL SMITH Pianist who beat paralysis Cyril Smith, the noted solo pianist, who also formed a celebrated duo with his wife, Phyllis Sellick, died suddenly at his home at East Sheen, London, on Thursday night, aged 64. He was born at Middlemarch and was educated there at the High School. He went to the Royal College of Music in 1925. During his four years there he won many prizes, and in addition the Daily Express Piano Contest in 1928.

He made the first of many notable Prom appearances in 1928, and was a member of the Royal Academy of Music in this country and on the Continent until interrupted by the war when, however, he was one of many artists who toured with the R.N.S. Mr Smith in 1941 he formed his two-piano partnership with Miss Sellick, a duo that proved highly rewarding in the concert hall and on radio and television. Several well-known British composers wrote works for them, and Vaughan Williams rearranged his piano concerto for four hands.

In 1956 he was invited to tour the Soviet Union in a party of British musicians led by Sir Arthur Bliss, something of a trail-blazing engagement for future cultural exchanges. Unfortunately, during the visit Smith was struck down by a stroke which left his left hand paralysed. Undaunted, he returned to the concert platform, and much of the four-handed repertory was rearranged for three hands, a process which, as he explained less than a month ago in a Face the Music appearance, was often as effective or more so than the original.

HERR ALOIS HUNDHAMMER

Alois Hundhammer, who died on Thursday, aged 74, was the first Bavarian politician to be imprisoned in the Dachau concentration camp for anti-Nazi activities, in 1933. After his release, he opened a shoe repair shop where opponents of the Hitler regime met, but the Gestapo closed the shop and imprisoned him in the army. In 1945 he was one of the founders of the Christian Social Union and the first chairman of the party. In the following year he became Minister of Education and Culture in the Bavarian Government.

Stella, Lady Salt, widow of Commander Sir John William Titus Salt, RN, 4th baronet, died at Brighton yesterday. She was the daughter of Dr R. St. Jackson, an anti-slavery writer, and as his second wife in 1926. He died in 1953.

Lady Pugsley, the wife of Sir Alick Pugsley, who is emeritus professor of civil engineering at the University of Bristol, has died. She was Kathleen Warner and she married in 1928.

Professor Edouard Perroy, an authority on English history, has died. It is announced in Paris. He was 73. One of his major works was The History of the 100 Years War. He was a lecturer at Glasgow University from 1924 to 1934 and later taught in London and at the Paris Sorbonne.

Mr Jacques O'Hana, the art dealer and proprietor of the O'Hana Gallery in Carlos Place, London, died in London on Thursday. He was 75.

University 'firsts'

The following was omitted from the list of first-class honours degrees at Sheffield published on Monday: ST MARY'S COLLEGE, Nottingham: M. J. B. 1st class; M. J. B. 2nd class; M. J. B. 3rd class; M. J. B. 4th class; M. J. B. 5th class; M. J. B. 6th class; M. J. B. 7th class; M. J. B. 8th class; M. J. B. 9th class; M. J. B. 10th class; M. J. B. 11th class; M. J. B. 12th class; M. J. B. 13th class; M. J. B. 14th class; M. J. B. 15th class; M. J. B. 16th class; M. J. B. 17th class; M. J. B. 18th class; M. J. B. 19th class; M. J. B. 20th class; M. J. B. 21st class; M. J. B. 22nd class; M. J. B. 23rd class; M. J. B. 24th class; M. J. B. 25th class; M. J. B. 26th class; M. J. B. 27th class; M. J. B. 28th class; M. J. B. 29th class; M. J. B. 30th class; M. J. B. 31st class; M. J. B. 32nd class; M. J. B. 33rd class; M. J. B. 34th class; M. J. B. 35th class; M. J. B. 36th class; M. J. B. 37th class; M. J. B. 38th class; M. J. B. 39th class; M. J. B. 40th class; M. J. B. 41st class; M. J. B. 42nd class; M. J. B. 43rd class; M. J. B. 44th class; M. J. B. 45th class; M. J. B. 46th class; M. J. B. 47th class; M. J. B. 48th class; M. J. B. 49th class; M. J. B. 50th class; M. J. B. 51st class; M. J. B. 52nd class; M. J. B. 53rd class; M. J. B. 54th class; M. J. B. 55th class; M. J. B. 56th class; M. J. B. 57th class; M. J. B. 58th class; M. J. B. 59th class; M. J. B. 60th class; M. J. B. 61st class; M. J. B. 62nd class; M. J. B. 63rd class; M. J. B. 64th class; M. J. B. 65th class; M. J. B. 66th class; M. J. B. 67th class; M. J. B. 68th class; M. J. B. 69th class; M. J. B. 70th class; M. J. B. 71st class; M. J. B. 72nd class; M. J. B. 73rd class; M. J. B. 74th class; M. J. B. 75th class; M. J. B. 76th class; M. J. B. 77th class; M. J. B. 78th class; M. J. B. 79th class; M. J. B. 80th class; M. J. B. 81st class; M. J. B. 82nd class; M. J. B. 83rd class; M. J. B. 84th class; M. J. B. 85th class; M. J. B. 86th class; M. J. B. 87th class; M. J. B. 88th class; M. J. B. 89th class; M. J. B. 90th class; M. J. B. 91st class; M. J. B. 92nd class; M. J. B. 93rd class; M. J. B. 94th class; M. J. B. 95th class; M. J. B. 96th class; M. J. B. 97th class; M. J. B. 98th class; M. J. B. 99th class; M. J. B. 100th class.

New Zealand claims right to treasures

Wellington, Aug 2.—All old artefacts discovered in New Zealand in future will come state property under the terms of an antiquities Bill introduced into Parliament today.—Reuter.

Memorial service

Sir Alexander Symon The speaker was represented by Mr Terence Higgins, MP, at a memorial service for Sir Alexander Symon held yesterday at St Botolph's, Worthing.

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Official reserves in July still underpinned by foreign funds

By Mervyn Westlake, Economics Staff. A further sizable volume of foreign capital appears to have been attracted to Britain last month...

More cash likely for 'worthwhile building'

By Our Industrial Staff. A Government plan to make more money available to the building industry and to "socially worthwhile" projects is on the way...



Sir Richard Young, former chairman of Alfred Herbert, who has resigned from the board of the machine tool group...

Stock market closes account with 12pc fall in equities and no respite

By Terry Byland. On the London stock market yesterday ordinary shares ran into yet another hour of nervous trading...

British Gas places £25m pipe orders

Contracts worth about £25m have been placed by the British Gas Corporation for the laying of more than 250 miles of pipe-line to carry North Sea gas...

London office of Israel bank faces liquidation

The Israel-British Bank (London) seems likely to follow its Tel Aviv parent company into liquidation as a result of yesterday's filing of a winding-up petition in the High Court by the bank's directors.

9pc US Treasury notes

United States Treasury officials announced yesterday in Washington that the coupon level to be set on its two notes issues, which go on auction next week for a total of \$4,000m, will be 9 per cent.

Yen ceiling raised

It has been decided by the Bank of Japan and the Japanese finance ministry to raise by 2500 yen per cent their ceiling on the amount of foreign currency which can be converted into yen by foreign banks operating in Japan.

'Blow' to expansion

The Government's decision to lower control-fuel expansion in the West Midlands from 15,000 sq ft to the former ceiling of 10,000 sq ft is a blow to industrial progress.

Power yacht order

Moonraker, the British power yacht company, has won a £150,000 order from a Dutch concern for 36 power yachts for delivery by April next year.

Bonn surplus narrows

West Germany's basic payments surplus narrowed to DM750m (£121.7m) in June from a interim DM3,052m in May and DM2,427m in June, 1973.

Lloyds Bank steps up interim

Lloyds Bank, which declared its interim dividend just before the concessions on dividend restraint announced in the mini-Budget last week, is paying a second interim to bring its distribution in line with the new maximum 12 1/2 per cent increase allowable.

Mr Simon expects US inflation to slacken

From Frank Vogl, Washington, Aug 2. Mr William Simon, the Treasury Secretary, said today that inflation would "abate" because of domestic and international economic policies now being pursued by the Administration.

Mr Nixon's meeting put off again

From Our US Economics Correspondent, Washington, August 2. A postponement of the President's scheduled meeting with his top economic policy advisers was announced by the White House this afternoon.

New terms for Barlow Rand link

By Andrew Wilson. Barlow Rand and Union Corporation have agreed expected revised terms of their proposed merger.

Development of financial markets should take place

He added: "We must have contingency plans so that we are prepared to act, and to act quickly, if the emergency situation requires it."

Upward trend in American bank loans disappoints

Washington, Aug 2.—Commercial and industrial loans from big New York banks showed a modest rise in the past week, but aroused some concern in the money and securities markets since a fall had been widely expected.

Whitehall monitoring plan worries NEDO

By Our Industrial Editor. The National Economic Development Office, which until now has been responsible for industry planning, is investigating the possibility of monitoring the performance of big companies.

UK RESERVES

The following are the figures for the United Kingdom's official reserves at the end of the month issued by the Treasury yesterday.

Table with columns: End of, \$m, £m, \$m. Rows for 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974.

Opec will hold prices, Arab oil minister says

Kuwait, Aug 2.—Mr Mana Al Oteiba, the United Arab Emirates Oil Minister, said he did not expect the next meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to make any change in the price of oil.

QE2 may gain French Line traffic

By Michael Baily, Shipping Correspondent. Cunard is planning a deal with French Line that should steer the lion's share of French transatlantic traffic to the QE2 next year.

Engineers want unfettered trade policy group

Because of its fears on the effect on trade of government changes in the United Kingdom, the Engineering Industries Association wants a new trade policy group formed which would be divorced from party politics.

How the markets moved

Table showing market movements for Rises, Falls, and THE POUND.

Schneider must dispose of 34pc Marine Firminy stake

Paris, Aug 2.—Schoelder SA must provisionally dispose of its 34 per cent stake in Marine Firminy SA, bought last year, according to a ruling handed out today by the Paris Tribunal of Commerce.

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THE WOOL AND SYNTHETIC TEXTILE GROUP. Points from the statement by the Chairman, Mr. G. M. Warry, circulated with the Report and Accounts for the fifty-two weeks ended 31st March 1974.

- A further significant increase in sales and profit compared with the previous year.
• The profit for the year was after transferring £28,000 to stock reserve.
• The profit would have been considerably larger but for the disruption caused by three-day working during the miners' strike.
• Final ordinary dividend recommended 1.15p per share, making 2.15p per share for the year, an increase of 5% on the equivalent gross dividend paid in 1973 and the maximum permissible under the Counter-Inflation legislation.

RESULTS IN BRIEF table with columns for 1974 and 1973, and rows for Group sales, Profit before tax, Taxation, Profit after tax, Earnings per 20p share, Rate of ordinary dividend, net, Net assets.

Copies of the report and accounts can be obtained from the Secretary, Bulmer & Lumb (Holdings) Limited, Bulmershaw, Bradford BD6 2NE.

On other pages

Bank Base Rates Table: 18. Company Meeting Reports: Bulmer & Lumb (Holdings) 15.

The Times Index: 92.71 - 0.14. F.T. Index: 232.1 - 3.6.

THE POUND

Table with columns: Bank buys, Bank sells, and various currency rates.

Commodities

Base metals fell sharply with copper down £42.50; tin, £50; lead, £1, and zinc, £9.50. Silver dropped 6p on the LME. Sugar scored fresh strong gains and the daily price was lifted to a new record of £285. EEC wheat and barley futures were weak.

Reports, pages 17 and 18.

PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Grouse

It is very tempting not to quibble over a matter of a few pence on a bill running into several pounds. When the bill comes from a small trader with whom a regular relationship has become established and, in its own way, important, it is especially tempting not to make a fuss.

Insurance

New surrender rules

In the past, insurance companies appeared to display very little flexibility; now, their attitude is changing. But the Chancellor of the Exchequer seems anxious to disallow the tax relief on life assurance premiums where too much flexibility is given.

The old-fashioned attitude on the part of many life offices to a request to surrender a policy for cash appeared to be that this was a variation of the contract, and so the company could very much dictate its terms. As a result, surrender values were distinctly poor.

Even when a policy was virtually within sight of maturity, comparatively poor surrender values have been payable. This led to policies being auctioned, instead of being surrendered. Often, the auctioneer's commission represents one-third of the difference between the surrender value offered by the insurance company and the actual price realized at auction.

It is proposed that some of the tax relief allowed on the premiums shall be clawed back. That, of course, is really quite reasonable in the case of, say, the early surrender of a policy linked to building society investment. And so it is proposed that if a policy is surrendered, partially or wholly, (including surrender of bonus) or made up within the first four years, all or part of the tax relief previously allowed will be clawed back.

That makes it even more important to look upon a life policy as a long-term contract and not a form of saving which can be stopped in favour of a cash return after no more than a few years. There should be no real quibbles on that score. Quite apart from that, a claw-back of tax relief is proposed if a policy is surrendered (or a surrender of bonus) while continuing to pay premiums. The reason given for this is that the customary tax relief for life assurance premiums is allowed on the assumption that the premiums represent new money being added to the fund; but if a policyholder pays premium and also surrenders or partially surrenders his policy, that assumption is invalidated.

One way and another, the Inland Revenue is likely to get back an appreciable amount of tax relief—particularly if the legislation goes through on the basis that there will be a claw-back of one year's tax relief on full surrender of a life policy, irrespective of how long the policy had been in force. And, in that event, it would be logical for the claw-back to apply, also, to the sale of a policy to somebody else as an investment.

distributed by means of reversionary bonuses, cash allocations are made, starting when the mid-year premium is due. Currently it is being estimated that the first cash allocation will be equivalent to 81 per cent of the annual premium. It looks as though, under the proposed legislation, if this is taken as cash or is applied in paying part of the premium, for policies taken out since Budget day, effectively tax relief will not be allowed on 81 per cent of the premium—or whatever proportion of the premium the cash allocation represents.

But the whole premium would be eligible for the usual tax relief if the cash allocation were not withdrawn but allowed to accumulate at a modest rate of interest with the sum assured. If the following year, it is estimated that the cash allocations would amount to 90 per cent of the annual premium, and the same considerations would apply. Up to this point, it is apparent that there is little to choose between this kind of policy and one offering conventional reversionary bonuses. But it is quite possible that the cash allocation with the London Life Association will be 100 per cent a year later, so that the premium would be extinguished altogether.

Then, cash allocations in excess of 100 per cent of the premium can be taken in cash, free of tax, as they are made or they can accumulate, at interest, on a tax-free basis. Thus a tax-free fund will be building up which can be withdrawn in whole or in part at any time—either surrendering the whole policy at the same time, or not, as one likes. If cash is taken in this way after the premiums have been extinguished by the cash allocations, there should be no question of any tax being payable or any claw-back of tax relief, since the latter applies only when a premium has been paid in the year during which the surrender takes place.

John Drummond

Law

Security for the furnished tenant

By the skin of its teeth the Rent Act 1974 has survived all amendments and received the approval of Parliament before the summer recess. At one stage the committee considering the Bill had set for 20 hours.

The outcome is that under the new law furnished tenants, in particular those with "absentee" landlords, will be given the same protection and security of tenure hitherto enjoyed only by tenants of unfurnished accommodation.

This does not mean that all furnished tenants are now irremovable. A landlord can still get an order for possession in the county court where a tenant fails to pay rent, misuses the premises, ill-treats furniture or behaves in an antisocial manner towards neighbours.

In theory, too, landlords wanting accommodation back for their own occupation or retirement should be able to recover possession with relative ease. Nor is it the intention of the new Act to infringe on the rights of the owner-occupier landlord who has let part of his building to a furnished tenant. Provided the landlord lives on the premises, the tenant, albeit he lives in a separate part of the building, is excluded from protection.

Waiting for the verdict after the CPO inquiry

CASPA's prayers for sunshine on Wednesday, July 17, met with a negative response from the heavens. The inspector appointed by the Department of the Environment to bear the Wandsworth Road/Tweley Road public inquiry was conducted on his tour of the compulsory purchase area in conditions which did little to commend it for preservation.

But it was unfortunate that when he was asked about the condition of another property he replied that because he had not been inside he could not tell. Council's comment was predictable.

The chief planning officer put in an impressively professional performance and was at pains to put the issues on a borough basis. Clearly he appreciated CASPA's and CARG's case but, in his view, local protectionism had to give way to the claims of the home-lesser. In this he was reinforced by the evidence of a former official of the housing department.

CASPA opened the objectors' case. Its consultant planner's evidence was necessarily technical. Apart from giving his view (admittedly on the basis of external inspection only) that the unfit houses could be rehabilitated instead of demolished, as it is proposed, the most of them should be, he made criticisms of the council's feasibility study for the area. He suggested that it had been overoptimistic about the number of persons the redeveloped site could accommodate.

One important point which was readily comprehensible to the layman was the challenge that the council's inclusion of the lower graveyard of St Paul's Church as open space justified a high population density on the rest of the area was untenable. It transpired at the inquiry that, for procedural ease, this graveyard is now to be omitted from the proposed compulsory purchase; the council apparently hoped to do a private deal with the diocesan authorities. The vicar seems none too bappy or sure that this will come about and, as he pointed out in his statement to the inquiry, there is no general access to this land from the proposed redevelopment area.

Events are gathering speed in Lambeth, where for over 18 months Halldora Blair has been monitoring the progress of a group of residents, CASPA (Clapham Action St Paul's Area), who are trying to stave off a compulsory purchase order. The public inquiry was held last month...

tax purposes—all were listened to with respect and kindness by the inspector. Many objectors did not want to or could not attend but, in their absence, were assured that their letters would be taken into consideration, along with all the statements, maps, brochures and other papers submitted. CARG's impressive booklet extended as far as coloured photographs of the area's threatened glories.

A substantial submission came from the Clapham Society and reflected its concern that "the structure and function" of Clapham as a village centre "was in jeopardy as the result of piecemeal council redevelopment. The society pleaded for consultation and a wider coordinated plan for Clapham."

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Normand Electrical Holdings Ltd., makers of specialised electric motors, regarded the threat to its continued existence in Clapham as sufficiently grave to be championed by leading counsel. The detail of its evidence was quite prodigious.

The closing speeches were not lengthy: CARG and CASPA's mutual counsel set down to his clients' applause. There was a general feeling that he had struck the right note, done his homework and a very good job.

Halldora Blair

Taxation

Keeping the taxman at bay

This chapter deals with various ways in which you can arrange your affairs so as to reduce your tax bill. It must be stressed that this should not be done by means of tax evasion which is completely illegal and may result in your tax bill being increased by the addition of interest and penalties. Thus you should always make a full disclosure of your taxable income to the Revenue in your income tax return.

You are fully entitled however, to arrange your affairs legally in such a way that your tax liability is reduced. This is known as tax avoidance. There are various anti-avoidance rules but providing you are able to steer clear of these provisions you can effect substantial tax savings by sensible planning.

(1) Don't save tax at the expense of commercial benefits. (It is no good losing money on your business just to pay no tax.) (2) Don't cause unhappiness to yourself and your family in order to save tax. (Don't emigrate if you know you will not like your new country.) (3) Don't enter into tax saving schemes which run on for a long time. These may be effective when you set them up but before the target of your future anti-avoidance legislation before they are completed.

(4) Don't jeopardise your future financial security. (Do not give away all of your money just to avoid estate duty.) (5) Don't make inflexible arrangements. It is always necessary to review your tax planning in the light of changes in your financial position and family. You must also take full account of changes to the tax system.

(6) Don't forget that the law may change. Particularly remember that with estate duty it will be the law at your death and not necessarily the law now that will govern the liability to duty.

In the wake of frequent, and in some cases fundamental tax changes, tax planning has become more and more complicated. Over the next five weeks we are publishing extracts from The Hambro Tax Guide taken from the chapter entitled: Tax Saving Hints

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Personal Reliefs and Allowances Always claim all of the personal reliefs and allowances to which you are entitled. Notify the Revenue as soon as you qualify for an additional allowance such as when you marry or your wife has a baby or you effect a new life assurance policy.

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Child Allowance If your baby is born just prior to April 6 you still get a full year's child allowance of £240 for the tax year in which the child is born.

Wife's Earnings If you have a business, pay your wife properly for the work that she does for it. This will enable the wife's earned income allowance to be obtained. You must be careful however that your business does not pay your wife more than the job is worth, or else the Revenue might seek to disallow part of her wages and so you will be taxed on the amount as a disallowed business expense.

A satisfactory arrangement is to form a business partnership with your wife, which will give her an entitlement to share in the profits, normally treated as earned income, and to a private retirement plan. If your wife's earnings are sufficiently high, substantial income tax savings will result from electing for the separate taxation of her earnings.

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Joint Announcement BARLOW RAND LIMITED ('BR') UNION CORPORATION LIMITED ('UC') Standard Merchant Bank Limited and Hambros Bank Limited have completed their review of the terms of the proposed merger between 'BR' and 'UC'. They have recommended to the Boards of the companies that 'BR' makes an offer by way of a scheme of arrangement to acquire all the issued share capital of 'UC' and have further recommended that the terms of the offer be as follows:

What, then, is the lot of those furnished tenants who may mistake the landlord's letting, the tenant can get out. If he stays on without consent he could be made to pay the full high-season rental. The landlord must take care that the letting is for a fixed period of not more than eight months. If the period is longer or indefinite, simply on a weekly or monthly basis, the landlord would have no ground on which to get him out.

UNIT TRUSTS: Medium and Income (progress this year and in the past three years). Unitholder Index 1234.1, fell from January 1, 1974: 17.1 per cent.

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Investor's week

Assailed Wool textile shares

The stock market is assailed on at least two major fronts just at present. When it is not worrying about the very real signs of world recession which are showing more and more clearly...

Or, to put it another way, what would happen to market for wool if just one of the City's 100 shares were to fall? Many a food store is now under severe attack. A wool textile company's shares in the banking and insurance world no longer above par...

Greenfingers needed for City

The danger that the whole forest will have to be ploughed up and Brussel sprouts sown there instead. The Privy Purse, has been dug out by the authorities, but as a result the ground has been taken over by Creeping Weeds...

Francis Kinsman
Several parts of the forest are suffering from drought since climate has been so dry. The ground is so hard that the roots of the trees are being smothered...

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Barrow Hepburn meets forecast with solid first-half growth

By David Mott
With the share of profits from overseas trading continuing to grow and the energy crisis appearing to have little effect on United Kingdom business, Barrow Hepburn, the leather and chemicals group, reports an 11 per cent rise in interim profits to £1.6m pre-tax.

CES bid talks must wait on half-year profits

Combined English Stores' talks with a potential bidder are still taking place with a view to an offer in excess of present market prices, the company said yesterday. Shares were 44p at yesterday's official stock market close—10p below the price reached immediately after the talks were first announced last week.

Pressures on bookmaking side leave Coral lower

By Maurice Barnfather
Despite a rise in turnover from £50m to £63m, the trading profit for the six months to date is still down on the same period last year. Where Coral experienced difficulties was in the dominant bookmaking business, where in spite of a significantly increased turnover, profits were down.

Stock markets Further erosion of confidence

The two-week trading account came to an unhappy end, with the market buzzing with rumours of impending disasters in the financial world. At midday, market men suddenly decided that the Bank of England was about to issue a statement, although on what subject none could say.

Equity Enterprises beats target

The board of Equity Enterprises, under chairman Mr David Frost, promised shareholders a taxable profit of at least £2m for the 20 months to December 31, and this has been fulfilled with a jump from £340,000 for the eight months to end-1973 to £2.3m. The last 12 months of the period produced a profit of £2.2m of the total profit.

Charges bear heavily on Westminster Prop

To the half year to March 31 taxable profits of Westminster Property Group were hard hit by interest charges. These show a more than threefold jump from £58,500 to £238,000 and taxable profits a fall from £331,400 to £79,200. Earnings a share have been cut from 2.9p to 0.8p, but the interim dividend is being held at 1p. The board say they are taking steps to secure the group's finance by the disposal of certain properties and plans are being made for future expansion when conditions become more stable.

Mining Azcon extends steel interests

Consolidated Gold Fields' 85 per cent-owned United States subsidiary, Azcon, is acquiring, for cash, Steel Service which owns a steel mill and scrap business in Knoxville, Tennessee. Steel Service has a turnover of \$20m annually, and although the purchase price has not been disclosed, the terms of previous Azcon acquisitions would indicate a price not far short of this figure.

Tanjong Tin

Tanjong Tin Dredging saw the average price of tin concentrates rise in the first six months from £1,041 to £2,000 a ton. This has led to an estimated pre-tax profit of £54,000 to £72,000, although the figures include £27,000 (£19,500) of dividend receipts.

Trafalgar House pulls out of pipe-making

For a total of some £26m, Trafalgar House Investments has sold its UK concrete pipe-manufacturing business to Australian group Humes, who made an approach last year. The transaction includes two Trafalgar companies and South Wales Concrete Pipe, with the properties they occupy and the repayment by Humes of their bank borrowings.

Briefly

HAT-BROWN BROS
HAT-BROWN in a deal involving £581,500 is buying from Brown Brothers the shares of Wood & Cairns, Scottish-based merchants in electrical and plumbing goods.

Latest dividends

Table with columns: Company, Dividend, Yield, etc. listing various companies and their financial metrics.

Wall Street

Table with columns: Stock Name, Price, Change, etc. listing various US stocks and their market performance.

Mining INCO takeover victory

The International Nickel Company of Canada has won its \$224m takeover battle for Philadelphia-based battery manufacturer, ESB. INCO said yesterday it had secured 80 per cent of its \$41-share cash tender offer, amounting to 79.8 per cent of the ESB equity.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

Table with columns: Bond Name, Price, Yield, etc. listing various Eurobonds and their market indicators.

STERLING INDS

Table with columns: Company Name, Price, Change, etc. listing various UK industrial stocks.

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On turnover of £2.7m (£2.37m pre-tax) before tax rose to £207,000 to £226,000. Total dividend of £112,000 to £112,000 to £112,000 to £112,000.

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Canadian Prices

Table with columns: Stock Name, Price, Change, etc. listing various Canadian stocks and their market performance.

MARKET REPORTS

Commodities

£42.50 drop in copper prices

Expectations of a large increase in stocks this week hit COPPER prices on the London Metal Exchange yesterday. Wire bar values were slashed £42.50 a metric ton.

Robustness declined slightly... The London metal price set a record for the first time since 1971...

Spot Position of Sterling... The dollar drifted back to rule... The mark remained pinned to the lower inter-continental point...

Forward Levels... The closing time was steady... The dollar drifted back to rule...

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The Times Share Indices

Table with columns: Index, % Change, High, Low, Open, Close. Includes All-Share, Industrial, and other indices.

Money Market Rates

Table with columns: Term, Rate, Bid, Offer. Includes Treasury Bills, Bank of England, and other rates.

Recent Issues

Table with columns: Issue Name, Price, Yield, etc. Lists various financial products.

Bank Base Rates

Table with columns: Bank Name, Rate. Lists Barclays, FNC, etc.

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